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1 **TOWN OF APEX**
2 **APEX PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING**
3 **MONDAY, January 27, 2025**
4 **6:00 P.M.**
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6 The Apex Public Art Committee Meeting met on Monday, January 27, at 6:00 PM in the
7 Council Chambers at Apex Town Hall, located at 73 Hunter Street in Apex, North Carolina.
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9 This meeting was open to the public. Members of the public were able to attend this meeting
10 in-person or watch online via the livestream on the Town's YouTube Channel. The recording of
11 this meeting can be viewed here: [Apex Public Art Committee Meeting 01.27.25 YouTube](#)
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15 **[ATTENDANCE]**

16 Board Members

17 Tom Colwell, Chair (absent)
18 Ewan Pritchard, Committee Member (absent)
19 Brad Erickson, Committee Member
20 Bethany Bryant, Committee Member
21 Sean Durham, Vice Chair
22 Susan Kirley, Committee Member
23 Lafayette Trawick, Committee Member
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26 Town Staff

27 Taylor Wray, Cultural Center Manager
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29 **[CALL TO ORDER]**

30 **Vice Chair Durham** called the meeting to order at **6 p.m.**

31 **[APPROVAL OF MINUTES]**

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33 A **motion** was made by **Member Kirley** and seconded by **Member Bryant**, to
34 approve the December 16, 2024, meeting minutes.
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36 **VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)** Tom Colwell, Ewan Pritchard and Brad Erickson absent
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38 **[TOWN LIAISON REPORT]**

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1 **Vice Chair Durham** moved to Chairperson's Report with there being no Town Liaison
2 Report.

3 [CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT]

4 No report.

5 6 [PUBLIC COMMENT]

7 **Vice Chair Durham** closed Public Comment with no one signed up to speak.

8 [OLD BUSINESS]

9 **Vice Chair Durham** called Mrs. Wray to speak.

10 **Mrs. Wray** gave an update about the Mural at White Oak Creek Greenway. She said
11 that the mural design was by artist Sean Kernick and the design is open for public review until
12 the next meeting on February 24th. She said that the committee will vote on any changes or
13 recommendations from the public during that meeting and if significant feedback is received,
14 a conversation with Sean will be arranged but if no major changes are needed, the mural will
15 be presented to the council on March 11th. She said that the painting is expected to begin by
16 the end of March, keeping the project on schedule. She gave the following presentation:

17 [SLIDE 1]



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19 **Mrs. Wray** gave an update on the Crosswalk Art on Salem Street. She spoke about the
20 voting process for the Public Art Committee and the process. She said that they would be
21 negotiating the contract and get a timeline. She asked Vice Chair Durham if there was any
22 feedback for the Crosswalk Art at Hunter Street Park from the Slack Group since the last
23 meeting.

24 **Vice Chair Durham** said that there was good feedback from Slack Group, but he
25 didn't have an update at this time.

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1 **Mrs. Wray** gave an update on Digital Art. She said that some of the drawings were
2 redone, and she resubmitted them to Planning on January 14th. She said that pending their
3 approval she would apply for construction permits. She gave an update on the Grand
4 Opening and discussions with Durham Production Company to commission to create a
5 professional video production. She said the company focuses on historic and architecture
6 pieces.

7 **Member Erickson** said there is one addendum regarding AI and the guidelines.

8 **Mrs. Wray** said to send any statements to her, and she will have her legal team to look
9 at the guidelines.

10 **Vice Chair Durham**

11 **Mrs. Wray** explained what would be owned.

12 **Mrs. Wray** then spoke about the Apex Sculpture Walk and the deinstall date of March
13 17th. She updated the Board on two pieces that were coming up for Council review and gave
14 this presentation:

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17 **[SLIDE 1]**



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20 **Mrs. Wray** stated the current Apex Sculpture Walk is scheduled for deinstall the week
21 of March 17. Tom is working with artists to stagger this deinstall.

22 **Mrs. Wray** went on to say the two pieces coming up for Council to review - "Keyhole
23 Portal" by Bob Doster and "Doves of Peace" by Timothy Warrell. Referring to SLIDE 1, PAC is
24 proposing moving the "Keyhole Portal" in front of the Depot at the end of the parking lot.
25 PAC believes this would be the perfect vantage point from Center St, Salem St and also
26 walking downtown. The "Keyhole Portal" sculpture represents the past, present and future
27 and having it downtown also represents our past, present and future.

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1 [SLIDE 2]



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3 Referring to SLIDE 2, **Mrs. Wray** stated that “Doves of Peace” is currently located in
4 front of the All State Building. PAC is proposing relocating it to the front of the police station
5 on Saunders Street. “Doves of Peace” represents peace and togetherness. The Deputy Police
6 Chief spoke highly about having this sculpture moved to the police station. He felt the
7 representation is suitable for the station. A request on February 11 will be made to the
8 Council to purchase one or both of these sculptures. Both of these sculptures were award
9 winners this year voted on last July 2024. The delay was due to deciding what the best
10 locations were for these pieces.

11 **Mrs. Wray** went on to say, regarding the current show, the piece titled “Coming
12 Together” was donated by the artists Phil and David. Right now, it is located in front of the
13 Depot and PAC is looking to move it permanently to either Pleasant Park or the Nature Park.
14 PAC has 11 new sculptures coming from both past artists and new artists.

15 **Member Trawick** asked if the “Dove of Peace” would be near the mural.

16 **Mrs. Wray** said that it would be close to the mural.
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18 **Member Trawick** asked if there were any plans for other pieces to be commissioned
19 for Pleasant Park.

20 **Mrs. Wray** said that the Parks and Recreation and Cultural Resources Department has
21 an art plan for Pleasant Park and as it goes through its phases, it is being commissioned. She
22 said that the Public Art Committee can bring more pieces. She said that Pleasant Park is being
23 built in phases, so how much land will have to be reviewed.

24 **Member Trawick** asked as pieces are rolled out in town will the activities be
25 synchronized or separate activities.

26 **Mrs. Wray** said that Park can be included in any proposals and there are opportunities
27 to put art there.

28 **Member Trawick** asked if the Sculpture Walk be included.

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1 **Mrs. Wray** said that the Sculpture Walk is not included in Pleasant Park, but it could be
2 a separate Sculpture Walk series.

3 **Member Kirley** asked about the placement of the Doves of Peace. She asked if Inky,
4 another purchased piece, would be close to the Doves of Peace.

5 **Mrs. Wray** said that they would be like bookends.

6 **Member Kirley** asked if the Keyhole Portal be parallel with Center Street.

7 **Mrs. Wray** said that maybe Planning would allow for it to be angled. She said that
8 when it installed it was meant to be turned.

9 **Vice Chair Durham** asked for volunteers to cover the Peak Fest. He said that it was
10 May 3rd. He said that he would confirm with members before the event. He also said to check
11 with the Youth Council for volunteer hours.

12 **Member Bryant** said she could commit to the pre-work.

13 **Mrs. Wray** said that the event is 9a-5p and setup is 6a-6p.

14 **Vice Chair Durham** said that possibly the Youth Council could help with the morning
15 setup.

16 **Mrs. Wray** said that if people could not commit the entire time to the Peak Fest, that
17 some easels could be set up with the departments.

18 **Vice Chair Durham** said to get the word out and get people excited about art. He
19 then called Member Kirley to speak about the art guide.

20 **Mrs. Wray** gave an update on the art guide. She said that there was a meeting on
21 Friday, February 7th.

22 **Member Kirley** asked who was the group that they would be meeting with.

23 **Mrs. Wray** said it would be Marketing and that she would give Member Kirley the time
24 for the meeting.

25 **Mrs. Wray** gave an update on what the Art Guide was. She said it was from the
26 Downtown Durham organization. She gave information about the pieces and possibilities.

27 **Member Trawick** said that this was a fabulous idea and said that he would like to be
28 associated with this.

29 **Mrs. Wray** said that she would put the time of the meeting on Slack, and it would be a
30 video call.

31 **Member Kirley** spoke about Durham having a vibrant art scene and items to grab
32 downtown. She said that Durham works through Discover Durham, who markets the
33 community.

34 **Vice Chair Durham** asked if the booklet could be updated every year provided there
35 was a budget for this.

36 **Mrs. Wray** said that would be fine to do. She said that a yearly release could be done
37 depending on the budget.

38 **Member Trawick** asked about a digital guide vs. the booklet and what the digital
39 guide would look like.

40 Member Kirley said it looked the same as the booklet.

41 **Vice Chair Durham** said that people also like having the media in their hands and
42 there may be more of this.

