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TOWN OF APEX
APEX PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025
6:00 P.M.

9 The Apex Public Art Committee Meeting met on Monday, April 21, at 6:00 PM in the Council
10 Chambers at Apex Town Hall, located at 73 Hunter Street in Apex, North Carolina.

11 This meeting was open to the public. Members of the public were able to attend this meeting
12 in-person or watch online via the livestream on the Town's YouTube Channel. The recording
13 of this meeting can be viewed here: [Apex Public Art Committee 04.21.25 YouTube](#)

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[ATTENDANCE]

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Board Members

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

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Town Staff

25 Taylor Wray, Cultural Center Manager

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[CALL TO ORDER]

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Chair Tom Colwell called the meeting to order at **6:00 p.m.**

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[APPROVAL OF MINUTES]

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A **motion** was made by **Member Bethany Bryant** and seconded by **Member Susan Kirley**, to approve the minutes for March 17, 2025.

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VOTE: UNANIMOUS (3-0) with Sean Durham, Ewan Pritchard and Lafayette Trawick absent.

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[TOWN LIAISON REPORT]

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Mrs. Taylor Wray, Cultural Center Manager, did not have anything to report at this time and said that she would have more in Old Business and New Business.

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Chair Colwell moved to the Chairperson's Report with there being no Town Liaison Report.

1 **[CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT]**

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3 **Chair Colwell** gave a brief report on Augmented Reality preliminary work.

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5 **[PUBLIC COMMENT]**

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

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9 **[OLD BUSINESS]**

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11 **Mrs. Wray**, gave the following presentation on the mural at White Oak Creek.

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13 **[SLIDE 1]**



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15 **Mrs. Wray** expects the mural at White Oak Creek Greenway to be completed by April
16 30. She is encouraging everyone to stop by and see it.

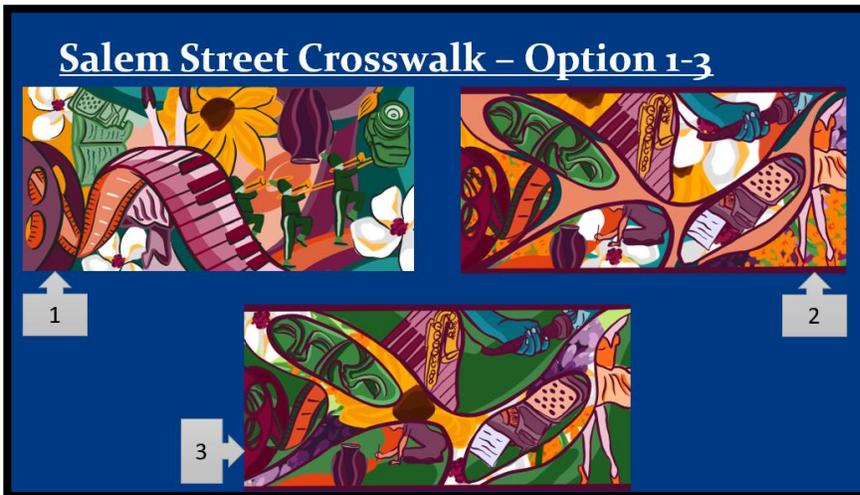
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18 **Chair Colwell** wanted to congratulate the team on the installation of the Sculpture
19 Walk. This was a great job supporting artists and he commented that the installation went
20 smoothly. Also, the Sculpture Walk scheduled for the seniors is to be held in May. The newly
21 purchased sculptures are located at the Depot and the Police station.

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23 **Member Ewan Pritchard** arrived at this time (6:09pm).

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25 **Member Kirley** asked if it was possible to get more solar lighting per requests by
26 artists? She was informed that new lights have been ordered.

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1 [SLIDE 2]



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3 **Mrs. Wray** brought the committee up to date regarding the Salem Street Crosswalk
4 Art. There are 3 designs submitted and asked the committee to vote on which of the three
5 they like. There were several comments asking if certain elements could be taken from
6 numbers 2 and 3 and put into number 1.

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8 **Mrs. Wray** made notes and said she would share these comments with the artist,
9 Mayanthi. Mrs. Wray is also working through what would be the safest way for Mayanthi to
10 paint with traffic and police. She is hoping to have this painted during the month of June.

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12 Since **Vice Chair Sean Durham** was not present, the committee bypassed the
13 crosswalk art discussion in relation to Hunter Street Park.

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15 **Member Kirley** gave an update on the art guide. The discussion was around what
16 should be the area of coverage. Member Kirley thought the focus should be on downtown
17 Apex; to include 2 maps - one of downtown and the other to show the rest of Apex to include
18 public art murals in town (both on public and private property), sculptures, crosswalks. She
19 would like to suggest publishing the guide annually or as needed.

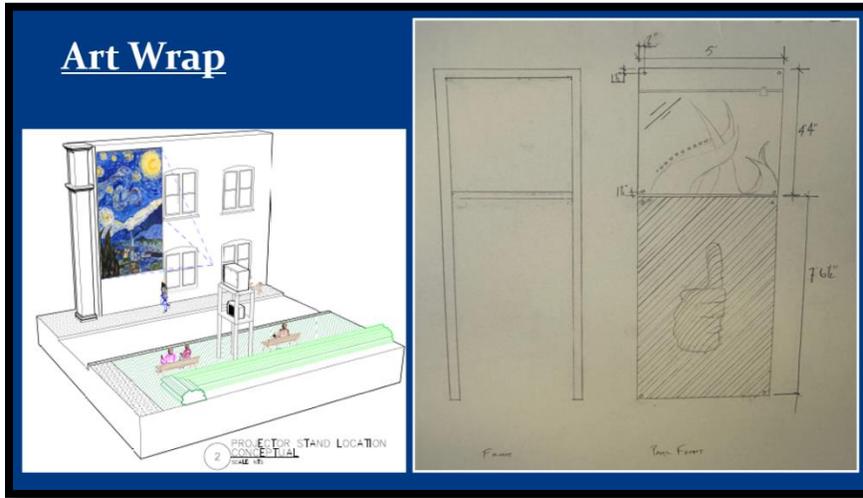
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21 **Member Lafayette Trawick** arrived at this time (6:26pm).

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1 [SLIDE 3]



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3 **Mrs. Wray** gave an update on the Video Projection project. Permits are pending.
4 Current plan is an art wrap using several panels and this has been submitted to Planning.
5 Electricities offers downtown revitalization grants and would like to propose to PAC that they
6 submit a request and see if they can get one of these grants. Grants are given out in
7 June/July timeframe. Communication with Durham Production Co is on hold. But they would
8 like to offer two 15- minute videos - one is history based and the other is community based
9 with an exhibition of works. Ball park time frame is July 30 pending further approval.

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11 [NEW BUSINESS]

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13 **Mrs. Wray** gave an update on the EarthFest Mural that being displayed on Saturday,
14 April 26th from 12:00 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Town Campus. She requested the group to post the
15 mural on their social media to inform others.

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17 [SLIDE 4]



1 **Mrs. Wray** said that for the May 12th Committee meeting she would not be attending,
2 and the Clerk's office will be leading the meeting. [NOTE: The next PAC meeting is on May 19,
3 not May 12]

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5 **[SLIDE 5]**



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7 **Mrs. Wray** said that she shared the Work Session notes with the Clerk's Office after the
8 March meeting and they were receptive. She said that the QR code could be scanned now
9 and apply for the Board again. She said that Members Pritchard, Kirley and Erickson's terms
10 were up but because of this process, Members Kirley and Erickson's terms were extended to
11 July, and they could re-apply.

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13 **Mrs. Wray** said that she and Chair Colwell had a meeting with the Clerk's Office in
14 May to discuss items that were discussed at the Work Session and the next steps for the
15 Committee.

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17 **Mrs. Wray** said the stickers for PeakFest would be out before the festival. She said that
18 there was an email in the Public Art Committee emails from Tyler Gumprecht about the event
19 and she encouraged for the Committee members to attend on Tuesday, May 6th from 4:30
20 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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22 **Chair Colwell** opened for any discussions.

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24 **Member Kirley** asked what the status was for Apex Social District.

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26 **Mrs. Wray** said that she was not sure, but she had a meeting in May, and she would
27 bring back an update.

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29 **Member Trawick** asked what a Social District would look like for Apex.

1 **Mrs. Wray** said that some areas would allow alcohol out of the businesses and on the
2 street and some businesses would allow alcohol into their businesses.

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4 **Member Bryant** said that the business would have to opt in if they would sell alcohol
5 like Cary does it. She said that the Council had approved of it but the details were still being
6 worked out.

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8 **[ADJOURNMENT]**

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10 A **motion** was made by **Member Pritchard** and seconded by **Member Brad**
11 **Erickson**, to adjourn the meeting at **6:50 p.m.**

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13 **VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)** with Sean Durham absent.

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18 Lisa Varner
19 Transcriptionist

Tom Colwell
Chair

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22 Submitted for approval by Town Clerk, Allen Coleman, and approved on May 19, 2025.