

**TOWN OF APEX
CULTURE AND ARTS ADVISORY BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

The Culture and Arts Advisory Board with the Town of Apex met on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Apex Town Hall, located at 73 Hunter Street in Apex, North Carolina.

This meeting was open to the public. Members of the public were able to attend this meeting in-person or watch online via the livestream on the Town's YouTube Channel. The recording of this meeting can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xm3sWnADHg>

CLERK NOTE: NO QUORUM PRESENT. NO OFFICIAL ACTION TAKEN.

[ATTENDANCE]

Board Members

Tom Colwell, Chair

Bethany Bryant, Board Member

Brad Erickson, Board Member

Juliana Corsetti, Voting Youth Representative

Sean Durham, Vice Chair (absent)

Susan Kirley, Board Member (absent)

Lafayette Trawick, Board Member (absent)

Ranjit Hota, Board Member (absent)

Town Staff

David Wood, Assistant Director of Recreation Programming, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources

Allen Coleman, Town Clerk

Taylor Wray, Cultural Arts Center Manager (absent)

Clerk Note: The Culture and Arts Advisory Board for the Town of Apex did NOT have a quorum for their regular meeting in August 2025, therefore, no official action was taken. The Chair chose to continue with a small group discussion and receive updates from staff. All items which require a formal vote will be continued until the September 2025 meeting.

[CALL TO ORDER]

Chair Colwell called the meeting to order at **6:12 p.m.**

[APPROVAL OF MINUTES]

The meeting minutes for the Culture and Arts Advisory Board for the Town of Apex will be rescheduled for an official vote at the September 2025 meeting.

[TOWN LIAISON REPORT]

Assistant Director of Recreation Programming in Apex Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources, David Wood, did not have anything to report.

[CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT]

Chair Colwell said that this was the first meeting of the Culture and Arts Advisory Board, formerly the Apex Public Art Committee. He welcomed new members Juliana Corsetti, Voting Youth Representative and Ranjit Hota, Board Member (not present). Juliana was appointed by Mayor Gilbert in July. She is a rising Junior at Apex High School.

Chair Colwell said that the Uproar Art Fest an outside art show takes place in Hillsborough, Carrboro and Chapel Hill, it started at the beginning of August and runs through August 23rd. He said that at Pleasant Park, there was a bench that had been installed that was donated by Phil Hathcock and David Hill and encouraged all to go out and see the bench. He thanked the Parks Department and Operations team for installing that.

[PUBLIC COMMENT]

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

[OLD BUSINESS]

- **Mural (White Oak Creek Greenway)** - The mural has been completed and is located near 300 Cloverdale Road along a retaining wall on the White Oak Creek Greenway. Shawn Kernick is the artist and features plants, animals and multiple vignettes. The mural is over 100' long.
- **Crosswalk Art (Salem Street) - Currently** under review with NC DOT. Mr. Wood stated that the process typically takes 4 weeks and there should be updates at the next meeting. The final approval will go to Council and then begin painting in the fall.
- **Video Projection** - This is an ongoing process and is in a standstill right now. Looking for suitable locations on town property.

- **Apex Sculpture Walk (ASW V)** - A sculpture is being considered for purchase and potential locations. More information to come. Apex Sculpture Walk Six will kick off next month.
- **Art Guide** - Chair Colwell, Susan, Taylor, and other staff met about the guide. Content has been provided for the guide. It is with Kendall Hart, and she is putting together a mockup of what the first version of the guide may look like and is expected to be ready to share some of that content in the next few weeks and at the next meeting or so.
- **Artist in Residence Program** - By next meeting, there should be a formal proposal. The idea is an artist and residence program having one artist come into the town every year as a liaison for public art. Artist would receive up to \$2,000 honorarium for up to 9-months residency with the full cycle beginning in September and the culmination would be at PeakFest in May. Member Erickson stated that this program could possibly be in several different facets: 1) public presentation at the Halle Cultural Arts Center, 2) public presentation at the Senior Center and 3) a youth engagement activity.
- **Crosswalk Art (Hunter Street Park)** - There is not an update at this time.

[NEW BUSINESS]

- **Ofrenda Building Workshop Presentation** - this item was rescheduled. There is a partnership with the artist Peter Martin to create the first ofrenda in honor of lost pets for Hispanic Heritage Month and will be displayed at the Halle Cultural Arts Center from October 24th - November 3rd and at the Latino Arts Festival on September 27th.
- **2025-2026 Budget Presentation** - this item was rescheduled to the meeting in September.
- **Culture and Arts - Potential New Ideas to Explore** - Proposed ideas to expand the cultural program was Music Moment (short live music performances) in the public realm, Reviving a Music Festival, Plein Art and Plain Air event and Poetry in Plain Sight. Music Moment suggested by new member Ranjit. Plein Art event and Poetry reading suggested by member Bethany Bryant.

Member Bryant asked if she should reach out about the annual holiday window painting for the Monday after Thanksgiving, December 1st.

Chair Colwell said yes, go ahead and reach out about the window painting.

[ADJOURNMENT]

A **motion** was made by **Member Brad Erickson** and seconded by **Member Bethany Bryant**, to adjourn the meeting at **6:31 p.m.**

VOTE: No Vote as the Board lacked a quorum present.

Tom Colwell
Chair

David Wood
Assistant Director

Submitted for approval by Cultural Arts Center Manager, Taylor Wray, and approved on 15
September 2025.