

1 **TOWN OF APEX**
2 **APEX PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING**
3 **MONDAY, June 16, 2025**
4 **6:00 P.M.**
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6 The Apex Public Art Committee Meeting met on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. 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.
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12 The recording of this meeting can be viewed here: [Apex Public Art Committee 06.16.2025](#)
13 [YouTube](#)
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16 **[ATTENDANCE]**
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18 Board Members - Present

19 Tom Colwell, Chair

20 Sean Durham, Vice Chair

21 Brad Erickson, Committee Member

22 Bethany Bryant, Committee Member

23 Susan Kirley, Committee Member

24 Lafayette Trawick, Committee Member (*arrived late at 6:14pm*)
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27 Board Members - Absent

28 Ewan Pritchard, Committee Member (absent)
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30 Town Staff

31 Taylor Wray, Cultural Center Manager
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33 **[CALL TO ORDER]**
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35 **Chair Tom Colwell** called the meeting to order at **6:00 p.m.**
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37 **[APPROVAL OF MINUTES]**
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39 A **motion** was made by **Member Brad Erickson** and seconded by **Member Susan**
40 **Kirley** to approve May 19, 2025, minutes.
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42 **VOTE: UNANIMOUS (5-0)** with Ewan Pritchard and Lafayette Trawick absent

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2 **[TOWN LIAISON REPORT]**

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4 **Taylor Wray**, Cultural Center Manager said that it would be in Old Business.
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6 **[CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT]**

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8 **Chair Colwell** said that this would be in Old Business.
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11 **[PUBLIC COMMENT]**

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13 **Chair Colwell** closed Public Comment opened Public Comment and invited the first
14 speaker.

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16 First to speak was **Daniel Buck** of 105 Linden Berry Drive:
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18 "I just want to say I'm here to be involved and try and learn what's going on. As I
19 understand, you guys are going through a transition into what I think the name had a little bit
20 of a concern, the CAAB, I think is what I heard was the last thing, so, I'll look forward to seeing
21 what that officially gets for the Culture and Art Advisory Board.
22 I just want to make myself available to know what's going on because I care about art and
23 culture in Apex, and I want to say kudos to you guys for doing the good work and try and get
24 some more people to show up. On that note, I'm curious, I heard last meeting about the
25 interest in trying to find artwork throughout the area that is local, cultural relevance or art that
26 is of relevance in the area, and finding interesting ways that we can engage people on that so
27 that, you know, we can have people go out and be more involved and let them know, hey, this
28 is something I care about, you should come and tell people here at the CAAB that you should
29 care about it too. So, I'd be interested to hear more about that. Also, I was at an event at The
30 Halle the other day, and I was talking to somebody who's a friend of mine, and they were
31 asking, like, you know, they've got all this artwork on the wall, but they don't mention, like
32 they had the name of the art piece, you know, it's acrylic art, 1995, whatever, whatever, but it
33 doesn't say if it's a local artist or not, so I think that would be an interesting thing if the board
34 can take some initiative on wherever there is local art being displayed, making sure that we
35 try and highlight when there are either local Apex or Wake County or North Carolina artists to
36 kind of highlight that that's something that's coming from local people who are creating it
37 here in town or in our community. And then the last thing, I happen to be paying more
38 attention about what's going on with some of the things on Instagram, and I saw something
39 mentioned about the structures that were destroyed, demolished, the E.H. Williams and Julia
40 Horton house, and I'd be curious, because there's a comment that some people were saying
41 that they should put up a plaque about that. It used to be an old candy store and a boarding
42 house. I think the mayor's daughter had something about that on Instagram, so those are just

1 a few things that I've observed and bring them to your attention. Other than that, I intend to
2 try and show up every month as much as I can and bring more people. So, I'll just be kind of a
3 silent observer, but as I see things, I'll let them know, sort of be your eyes and ears. So, I look
4 forward to helping you guys out on that. Thank you."

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6 **Chair Colwell** closed Public Comment with no other speakers signed up.

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8 **[OLD BUSINESS]**

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- 10 • **Mural (White Oak Creek Greenway) - Chair Colwell** said that Sean Kernick was
11 coming out but there had a change of schedule. He said that it looks amazing and
12 hopefully folks have had a chance to see its progress.
- 13 **Mrs. Wray** said that Mr. Kenrick gave her an update and because of some delays it
14 was early to come to give an update at the meeting, but that he should be finished
15 with the Mural this week pending the weather and she asked Mr. Kenrick to come to
16 the next meeting for an update.
- 17 • **Crosswalk Art (Salem Street) - Mrs. Wray** gave an update. She said that there were
18 118 public feedback responses, and these were given over to the Public Art
19 Committee at the end of May. She said that the summaries from the committee were
20 given to the artist and had a deadline by end of day to review and come up with a
21 draft #2. She said that originally the design would go to Council on June 24th but due
22 to the NC DOT approval process for the space, that will not be done. She said that
23 they would be presenting the Council on June 24th for a Resolution to be approved
24 and then the design will be submitted and approved by the PAC and then to NC DOT
25 for review and then it will go to the Council. She explained that the Crosswalk is an
26 Apex Managed Road and therefore, the Crosswalk design must be approved by
27 NCDOT. That approval should take 3-4 weeks and gave detail on the process.
- 28 • **Video Projection - Mrs. Wray** said that at this time there are no new updates.
- 29 • **Apex Sculpture Walk (ASW V) - Chair Colwell** said the public voting is complete,
30 but he wanted to keep the results of the vote under wraps until the PAC completes
31 their process and to provide the Committee's input there will need to be a time set
32 and he will work on this.
- 33 • **Art Guide - Member Kirley** did not have anything new. Mrs. Wray said there was a
34 legal part for permission via email to take a photo of a private sculpture/mural and
35 that there would be a meeting on July 7th during the weekday. Member Kirley said
36 there was a new mural on the Peakway that may be used. Member Erickson mentioned
37 that there are additional murals at the Eva Perry Library. Mrs. Wray said that she would
38 create a list of places that were being found to be used.
- 39 • **Artist in Residence Program - Member Erickson** gave an update. He said that six
40 months to one year artist and residence program sponsoring local artists giving them
41 shared studio space in exchange for a small stipend, public lecture or artist talk and

1 one additional for of engagement that they pitch, such as, a community workshop
2 youth class or open studio session and also as a PeakFest presenter. He said that he
3 would reach out to Mrs. Wray about what surrounding areas are doing.

- 4 • **Crosswalk Art (Hunter St Park) - Vice-Chair Sean Durham** said that there was no
5 new update. He said he had some mockups complete but wanted to share them with
6 the Committee before going public. Chair Colwell asked Mrs. Wray if this would be a
7 part of the NC DOT process due to it going to cross parking lots. Mrs. Wray said she
8 would check this.

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10 **[NEW BUSINESS]**
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12 **Ashley Gentry**, Deputy Town Clerk, gave information on the Meeting calendar for
13 2025 - 2026 about the application process and that it could be found on the Town Clerk's
14 website. She gave a presentation on the 2025-2026 meeting schedule for the Public Art
15 Committee. She said that regular meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month. She also
16 noted that the meeting scheduled for January 2026 would be held on the 4th Monday
17 because of the MLK Holiday the previous week. She said that the Public Art Committee would
18 be renamed to the Culture and Arts Advisory Board (CAAB). She gave an update to the
19 schedule and noted that attendance would now be tracked and any missed 3 consecutive
20 meetings or 25% of meetings missed within a 12-month period will be evaluated each
21 quarter and be added to the Regular Town Council Meeting Consent Agenda each quarter.
22 She confirmed that if you are late and join the meeting later, you are counted present.

23 **Mrs. Wray** asked Mrs. Gentry to discuss why other Boards typically have July off and
24 to then discuss with the Committee if they want to have July off.

25 **Mrs. Gentry** gave the reason why other Boards are off in July.

26 **Vice-Chair Durham** asked if the July meeting could be used as a workshop session.

27 **Chair Colwell** said that there were rules that apply to workshops and are essentially
28 similar to a meeting.

29 **Mrs. Gentry** confirmed that it was correct.

30 **Member Lafayette Trawick** asked if there was anything on the July agenda that
31 would need to have a vote.

32 **Mrs. Wray** said there would not be anything up for discussion that couldn't be done
33 through the subcommittee conversations.

34 **Mrs. Gentry** said that the worse case is that there could be a special meeting called if
35 needed.

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37 A **motion** was made by **Member Bethany Bryant** and seconded by **Vice-Chair**
38 **Durham** to accept the fiscal year schedule for the 2025-2026 Calendar as presented.

39 **VOTE: (UNANIMOUS) (6-0)** with Member Pritchard absent

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Chair Colwell asked if there was any other business.

Member Kirley said that there was a post from a private citizen about the bus stop painting that was chipping and coming off.

Member Bryant said that they were also asking about shelter at that bus location at Public's Point and that the surface was slick and was peeling up and hot while waiting for buses.

Mrs. Wray said that she had been in touch with Katie Schwing, with Planning, who did some of the work with the paintings at the bus stops. She gave 2 possible options. One is to touch up those areas OR possible additional work such as adding a seal at end of calendar year.

Vice-Chair Durham asked if there was another communication platform that could be used other than Slack.

Mrs. Wray asked Mrs. Gentry if she was aware of any other platforms.

Mrs. Gentry said that the Clerk's office is working on another platform through the agenda management system but was not familiar with it at this time. She said that they would get more information back to the Committee.

Mrs. Wray said that she would ask IT to see if there would be a link only OneDrive as well.

Member Trawick asked if the name change of the Board would change the scope of the Board.

Mrs. Gentry said that at the next Council meeting of June 24th that the updated Town Code would include the language and the scope of the Board.

Member Trawick said that this would be an opportunity for educating citizens for what the Board does, and he would like to share this on platforms that he manages. He asked for a formal blurb about what the committee does.

Mrs. Gentry said that she would get this to him, but she would check with the Communications Department as well to make sure this would be ok.

Member Trawick said that it shouldn't be an issue if it is being shared through social media but to let him know if there are any issues. He said that he would share the social media names as well.

Chair Colwell asked for Member Trawick to send the names to the entire group.

Member Trawick said that he would be able to help with some of the ongoing projects.

Member Kirley said that once her and Mrs. Wray have the meeting on July 7th with the Town of Apex staff that will be working with them, she may need some help.

Mrs. Wray said that she would be getting meeting information out to the group and ask if Member Traywick would be able to join.

Vice-Chair Durham asked if it was ok to promote the Committee on random social media pages.

1 **Mrs. Gentry** said that promoting the Town in a positive way should not be a problem,
2 but she would get confirmation from the Communications Department.

3 **Chair Colwell** asked if there were any other new items.

4 **Mrs. Wray** said that the National Parks and Recreation month is the month of July and
5 extended an invitation to attend the June 24th Council meeting as they present a
6 Proclamation for the National Parks and Recreation month at 6 p.m. She said that the Public
7 Art Committee falls under the National Parks and Recreation and hopes to see the Board
8 Members there.

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10 **[ADJOURNMENT]**

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12 A **motion** was made by **Member Bryant** and seconded by **Member Trawick** to
13 adjourn the meeting at **6:40 p.m.**

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15 **VOTE: (UNANIMOUS) (6-0)** with Member Pritchard absent

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19 Taylor Wray
20 Cultural Arts Center Manager

Tom Colwell
Chair

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22 Submitted for approval by Cultural Arts Center Manager, Taylor Wray, and approved on 15
23 September 2025.
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Culture and Arts Advisory Board

Meeting Schedule

Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026

Date	Year	Start Time	Meeting
Monday, August 18	2025	6:00 PM	Town Hall Council Chambers 73 Hunter Street, Apex NC 27502
Monday, September 15	2025	6:00 PM	Town Hall Council Chambers 73 Hunter Street, Apex NC 27502
Monday, October 20	2025	6:00 PM	Town Hall Council Chambers 73 Hunter Street, Apex NC 27502
Monday, November 17	2025	6:00 PM	Town Hall Council Chambers 73 Hunter Street, Apex NC 27502
Monday, December 15	2025	6:00 PM	Town Hall Council Chambers 73 Hunter Street, Apex NC 27502
Date	Year	Start Time	Meeting
Monday, January 26	2026	6:00 PM	Town Hall Council Chambers 73 Hunter Street, Apex NC 27502
Monday, February 16	2026	6:00 PM	Town Hall Council Chambers 73 Hunter Street, Apex NC 27502
Monday, March 16	2026	6:00 PM	Town Hall Council Chambers 73 Hunter Street, Apex NC 27502
Monday, April 20	2026	6:00 PM	Town Hall Council Chambers 73 Hunter Street, Apex NC 27502
Monday, May 18	2026	6:00 PM	Town Hall Council Chambers 73 Hunter Street, Apex NC 27502
Monday, June 15	2026	6:00 PM	Town Hall Council Chambers 73 Hunter Street, Apex NC 27502

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Please Note:

- ✚ The Culture and Arts Advisory Board meeting will be held on the 3rd Monday of the month beginning at 6pm at Town Hall Council Chambers, located at 73 Hunter Street, Apex NC 27502
 - January 2026 meeting moved to January 26, 2026 due to MLK holiday on January 19.
- ✚ The Culture and Arts Advisory Board are livestreamed and open to the public in the council chambers.
- ✚ If you are unable to attend a meeting, please notify your Liaison, Taylor Wray and CC: Office of the Town Clerk at townclerk@apexnc.org as soon as possible.