

1 **TOWN OF APEX**  
2 **CULTURE AND ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**  
3 **MONTHLY MEETING**  
4 **MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025**  
5 **6:00 P.M.**  
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7 The Culture and Arts Advisory Board with the Town of Apex met on Monday, October 20,  
8 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Apex Town Hall, located at 73 Hunter Street in  
9 Apex, North Carolina.

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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 of  
13 this meeting can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXqO3hgS2Y8>  
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15 **[ATTENDANCE]**

16 Board Members - Present

17 Tom Colwell, Chair  
18 Sean Durham, Vice Chair  
19 Bethany Bryant, Board Member  
20 Susan Kirley, Board Member  
21 Ranjit Hota, Board Member  
22 Brad Erickson, Board Member  
23 Lafayette Trawick, Board Member (*arrived at 6:11 p.m.*)  
24 Juliana Corsetti, Voting Youth Member  
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26 Board Members - Absent

27 Vacant Position, Board Member  
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29 Town Staff

30 Taylor Wray, Cultural Arts 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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38 **[APPROVAL OF MINUTES]**  
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40 A **motion** was made by **Member Bethany Bryant** and seconded by **Member Ranjit**  
41 **Hota**, to approve the September 15, 2025, meeting minutes.

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2 **VOTE: UNANIMOUS {7-0}** with Member Trawick absent .

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4 **[TOWN LIAISON REPORT]**

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6 **Taylor Wray**, Cultural Arts Center Manager gave the following updates:

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- 9 • Submitted the *White Oak Creek Greenway Mural* for consideration for the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Administration Arts and Humanities Award and the results expected within a month of the process and who won.
  - 10 • Council approved the purchase of the *Prismatic Cyclone* sculpture at last Tuesday's meeting, the piece will remain at Hunter Street until the sculpture walk concludes in March-April, after which it will move permanently to Pleasant Park.
  - 11 • The *Inky* sculpture near the Police Department was repaired today. There is caution tape up for about a week while the material sets due to cooler weather.
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18 **[CHAIRMAN'S REPORT]**

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20 **Chair Colwell** gave an update on the Sculpture Walk. It will close in mid-November and then the board will connect and send out a packet in advance of the submissions and get feedback from the board for the top 3 or 4. He will send an email to work through the process and make selections for next year's show.

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25 **[PUBLIC COMMENT]**

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27 No Public Comment

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29 **[OLD BUSINESS]**

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31 **OB1 - Art Guide**

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33 **Member Susan Kirley** gave an update on the Art Guide. She gave an overview of where they were in the process timeline and the highlights of the guide. She said that Kendall Hart, the Town of Apex digital Media Specialist, has done a great job with the art guide. There was discussion about distribution of the guide.

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39 **OB2 - Downtown Window Painting**

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41 **Member Bryant** gave an update on Downtown Window Painting. All the high schools that have been reached out to accepted, including Apex High School, Felton Grove, Thales,

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1 and Apex Friendship High School. This is December 1, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m., Rain date is December  
2 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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4 **OB3 - Public Art Master Plan**  
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6 **Mrs. Wray** gave an update on the Public Art Master Plan process and timeline. The  
7 Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was submitted online on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. and is open  
8 for public review on the Town’s website under “Bid and Proposal Postings.” It will close on  
9 November 6 at 2 p.m. and questions may be submitted to her email by Monday, after which  
10 an addendum with responses will be posted. Town staff will then review submissions for  
11 feasibility and forward finalists to the board for full review.  
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13 **OB4 - Music Fest**  
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15 **Chair Colwell** gave an update on Music Fest. Ideas are still being explored of possibly  
16 a small-scale local band festival next fall. There was good feedback. There will be a meeting  
17 for the board prior to the next meeting to further discuss ideas, the size of the event and  
18 budget needs. This will be brought back to this board with more information. He said that he  
19 was also open for information or suggestions.  
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21 **OB5 - Music Moments**  
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23 **Member Hota** gave an update on Music Moments. Local music teachers and student  
24 performers are committed to beginning performances, starting as early as the first week of  
25 November. Coordination with staff will finalize the schedule and location. The first event  
26 would ideally be planned at the Senior Center and possibly expansion based on community  
27 interest and feedback. This would be monthly in the evenings for an hour event. It was  
28 suggested to put this in the Senior Center weekly newsletter if approved.  
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30 **OB6 - Poetry in Plain Sight**  
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32 **Member Bryant** gave update on Poetry in Plain Sight which could involve the North  
33 Carolina Poetry Society, how this event works and about the research did on how other  
34 communities and other places do as far as just poetry and their community and she is still  
35 collecting information. She gave examples of the types of art projects that other cities do.  
36 Next phase is to talk with someone local that may want to give input and still sort out ideas.  
37 Depending on the feedback and interest will determine where this may start. There was a  
38 suggestion made to start with the library.  
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40 **OB7 Art En Plein Air**  
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1           **Member Bryant** gave an overview of other community events, such as Cary and  
2 Orange County's large multi-day festivals that require extensive volunteer coordination. It was  
3 suggested to start smaller, possibly with monthly local artist gatherings at rotating locations.  
4 There was some interest in coordinating with the Sculpture Walk for the first Art En Plein Air  
5 event to increase awareness. There was discussion of logistics, including sale of artwork at  
6 town events and outreach to see what community interest would be. There were other ideas  
7 and discussions about including students and other locations.

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9 **[NEW BUSINESS]**

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11           **Member Lafayette Trawick** asked if the board would be in the Christmas Parade this  
12 year

13           **Chair Colwell** said that they had not participated in the past.

14           **Member Trawick** asked about participating in the Christmas Parade for awareness.

15           **Chair Colwell** said that it hadn't been done in the past. He asked Member Trawick if  
16 he wanted to take the lead on the board being in the Christmas Parade.

17           **Member Trawick** said that due to deadlines, maybe it would be for 2026.

18           **Mrs. Wray** said that she would check to see if the application period had closed.

19           **Member Erickson** said the deadline for the waitlist was October 31<sup>st</sup>. He said there  
20 were fees associated with it, so maybe plan for next year.

21           **Member Bryant** said that the Peak Plan Task Force Community forum is this week,  
22 Wednesday at Hope Community Church and Thursday night at Town Hall and invited all to  
23 come.

24           **Member Sean Durham** suggested an Apex or Cultural Arts Advisory Board  
25 sketchbook or mini sketchbook to give out at events.

26           **Member Hota** suggested a sticker with a map with points of interest.

27           **Member Erickson** suggested sponsoring a sketching class and using the sticker book  
28 for going to different events in Apex.

29           **Youth Member Juliana Corsettie**, said that The Halle offers sketching classes and  
30 suggested that they talk to them about hosting a sketching class.

31           **Mrs. Wray** said that there are many offered and they are for children under 14 years of  
32 age.

33           There was further discussion supporting the sketch book and possibly using it for  
34 advertising the Culture & Arts Advisory Board and the new name.

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36 **[ADJOURNMENT]**

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38           A **motion** was made by **Member Bryant** and seconded by **Member Durham**, to  
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41 **VOTE: UNANIMOUS (8-0)**

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**Chair Colwell** adjourned the meeting at **6:46 p.m.**

Tom Colwell  
Chair

Taylor Wray  
Cultural Arts Center Manager

Submitted for approval by Cultural Arts Center Manager, Taylor Wray, and approved on  
November 17, 2025.