

# MINUTES

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## PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

JANUARY 5, 2021

2:00 P.M.

VIRTUAL MEETING

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xaivJxqvqE>

MEMBERS PRESENT: Betsy Towns, Jason Thiel, Owens Daniels, Cliff Dossel, David Finn, Endia Beal, Jane Doub, Elizabeth Repetti, Dara Silver  
MEMBERS ABSENT: None  
STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Bennett  
PRESIDING: David Finn

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m.

### II. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES

- December 1, 2020

MOTION Dara Silver moved to approve the December 1 meeting minutes.

SECOND Elizabeth Repetti

VOTE Unanimous

### III. PRESENT ABSENCE PROJECT APPLICATION

MOTION David Finn moved to endorse the location of the Present Absence project – a photographic mural printed on vinyl – on the exterior of the Forsyth County Department of Social Services Building.

SECOND Dara Silver

VOTE Unanimous

### IV. FUTURE PROJECTS DISCUSSION

- COVID-19 Memorial

The group discussed possible Covid memorial ideas and decided to form a committee to investigate a project further. Dara Silver, Owens Daniels, and Betsy Towns are on the committee.

- School District Partnership

The group did not move forward with a school district partnership committee but agreed that working with students should be a priority.

### V. PROJECT REPORTS

- Memory Wall of Peace and Love

- Kelly Bennett reported that contracts have been sent to the artists who will be working on the project.

- Downtown Sculpture

- Kelly Bennett reported that the design artist has received her contract and the fabrication RFP should move forward this month.

- Winston-Salem Portrait Project

- Kelly Bennett reported that Kisha Bari plans to visit Winston-Salem in January to visit the artwork sites in person and meet with the sculpture fabricator.
- Kernersville Library
  - Kelly Bennett shared photos of progress on the courtyard sculpture and the installed bike rack.

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Donovan Livingston, an assistant dean at Wake Forest University, attended the meeting and asked for participation on a project using augmented reality to tell historical narratives of unsung people in Winston-Salem. Owens Daniels, Betsy Towns, and David Finn expressed interest in helping with the project as did a representative from SECCA who was attending the meeting.

Kelly Bennett presented options for different types of public art maps and asked the Commission which type they preferred for the City-County program. The group chose to pursue an interactive map.

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No citizens signed up for the public comment period.

## **VIII. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

*Next Full Commission Meeting:  
February 2, 2021 2:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting*