

# MINUTES

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## PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

JULY 6, 2021

2:00 P.M.

VIRTUAL MEETING

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Betsy Towns, Jane Doub, Jennifer Finkel, Jason Thiel (late), Cliff Dossel, David Finn, Endia Beal, Elizabeth Repetti, Dara Silver  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Owens Daniels  
STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Bennett  
PRESIDING: David Finn

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

Kelly Bennett announced that future Public Art Commission meetings will be held in person in the third floor conference room of the Bryce Stuart Building, 100 East First Street, Winston-Salem. Commission members will be given badges for building and parking garage access.

### II. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES

➤ June 1, 2021

MOTION Betsy Towns moved to approve the June 1 meeting minutes.  
SECOND Elizabeth Repetti  
VOTE Unanimous

### III. WSSU SCULPTURE DONATION

MOTION David Finn moved to approve the installation of a statue of Coach Bill Hayes at the Bowman Gray Fieldhouse by Winston-Salem State University, contingent on ownership being retained by WSSU, which would also be responsible for maintenance of the statue.  
SECOND Cliff Dossel  
VOTE Unanimous

### IV. SALEM PARKWAY BRIDGE ART

WSDOT Deputy Director Jeff Fansler presented options for artwork locations for the Salem Parkway project. He and Kelly Bennett recommended location on the Church Street, Marshall Street, and Peters Creek Parkway Bridges. Commission members were concerned that artwork would not necessarily be viewable by drivers going at high rates of speed on the road. David Finn discussed the possible scale of the artwork, saying that artwork for the parallel multiuse path could be a smaller pedestrian scale. Betsy Towns discussed that the artwork should have meaning to the community and not be simply to decorate the bridges. Cliff Dossel discussed possible technology-based art installations. Jason Thiel asked whether lighting the bridges could be considered artwork for this project. Greg Errett, a Creative Corridors board member, suggested artwork be installed along the off ramp for

Marshall Street, so it is more visible. Fansler will attend the August PAC meeting to discuss these concerns and other options for artwork locations.

**V. BENTON CONVENTION CENTER ART**

The Benton Convention Center is in need of some artwork to accompany a remodeling. Jennifer Finkel, Cliff Dossel, Elizabeth Repetti, and Jane Doub volunteered to serve on the artist search committee.

**VI. PROJECT REPORTS**

- Memory Wall of Peace and Love
  - Kelly Bennett shared some photos of the progress on the restoration of the Memory Wall.
- Artistic Bus Shelters
  - There was nothing new to report.
- Downtown Sculpture
  - Kelly Bennett reported that the committee was having a design meeting later in the week.
- Covid Memorial
  - Kelly Bennett reported that the County did not fund the project, but that if there were a champion for the project on the County Commissioners, funding might be possible in the future.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

**VIII. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

*Next Full Commission Meeting:  
August 3, 2021 2:00 p.m.  
100 E First St, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room,  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101*