



**ARTS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION & PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The Arts, Historic Preservation & Philanthropy Committee conducted a meeting on Tuesday December 9, 2025 at City Hall (Mayor's Conference Room), 1737 Main Street, Second Floor, Columbia, SC 29201. The Honorable Tyler D. Bailey, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Tyler D. Bailey	Chair	Present
Edward H. McDowell	Member	Present
Tina N. Herbert	Member	Absent

INVOCATION

The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. offered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 23, 2025 Arts, Historic Preservation, & Philanthropy Committee Meeting Minutes – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bailey, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the September 23, 2025 Arts, Historic Preservation, & Philanthropy Committee Meeting Minutes.

2. October 21, 2025 Arts, Historic Preservation, & Philanthropy Committee Meeting Minutes – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Bailey, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the October 21, 2025 Arts, Historic Preservation, & Philanthropy Committee Meeting Minutes.



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COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

3. Vista Neighborhood Association's Public Art Placement Project - Mr. Barton Walrath – *Received as information.*

Mr. Barton Walrath, Vista Neighborhood Association explained that the project had been tabled for some time due to ongoing discussion regarding the replacement of fencing and gates. He noted that there has been good dialogue and communication with the Columbia Police Department, as well as assistance from Assistant City Manager Henry Simons. The proposal has since changed in approach, and the gateway will now be moved out to approximately one-third of the walkway from the face of the tunnel. He explained that the purpose of the gateway is to serve as a welcoming feature to Finlay Park and The Vista Greenway, while supporting pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

There was discussion about not doing any structural work to the tunnel; conversations with the Columbia Police Department and the Vista Guild; vendor pricing for fencing; and the ability to secure the tunnel, if needed.

There was a consensus of the committee to bring the project back when it is ready for City Council's endorsement.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, MMC, CPM
City Clerk