



**ARTS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION & PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The Arts, Historic Preservation, & Philanthropy Committee conducted a meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at City Hall (Mayor's Conference Room), 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Tyler D. Bailey, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and the following members were present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the December 10, 2024 Arts, Historic Preservation & Philanthropy Committee Meeting Minutes – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Herbert, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the December 10, 2024 Arts, Historic Preservation & Philanthropy Committee Meeting Minutes.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

2. Persimmon Peace Pole Project - Ms. Elaine Frick, Columbia Peace Pole Initiative – *Endorsed for City Council consideration*

Ms. Pamela Zeljak, Public Art Administrator for One Columbia shared that an endorsement letter for the Persimmon Peace Pole Project has already been submitted. She noted that the selected artist, Olga Yukho, has prior experience with public art installations, and One Columbia is confident the sculpture will be both visually appealing and durable. The Columbia Parks and Recreation Department has already had conversations with the Columbia Peace Pole Initiative.

There was discussion about the design and location of the sculpture.



**ARTS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION & PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025**

Ms. Elaine Frick, Columbia Peace Pole Initiative announced that August 6, 2025 will mark the 35th Annual Columbia Hiroshima Day of Remembrance. She shared details of the planned Persimmon Peace Pole, which will feature the phrase “May Peace Prevail on Earth” surrounded by cherry blossoms, with imagery symbolizing the nuclear threat. Trees will also be planted by the Forestry and Beautification Department.

There was consensus of the committee to endorse the Persimmon Peace Pole Project for City Council’s consideration.

3. Vista Greenway at Taylor Street Public Art Project - Ms. Abby Anderson, Executive Director / Vista Guild – *Received as information.*

Ms. Abby Anderson, Executive Director of the Vista Guild shared plans for the Vista Greenway at Taylor Street Public Art Project, which is set to be unveiled in Spring 2026. Inspired by the idea of continuity from the Blue Marlin Restaurant to Finlay Park, the project aims to add murals and vibrant color to an otherwise barren area.

There was discussion about completion of the mural and artist selection.

There was consensus of the committee to endorse the project and it will be referred to One Columbia for Arts and Culture for review.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC, CPM
City Clerk