



**ARTS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION & PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Arts, Historic Preservation, & Philanthropy Committee conducted a meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 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 10:15 a.m. and the following members were present:

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Tyler D. Bailey	Chair	Present	
Edward H. McDowell	Member	Present	10:19 a.m.
Tina N. Herbert	Member	Present	

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Bailey, the Committee voted unanimously to amend the agenda to include the Lincoln Tunnel North Entrance Mural Project as **Item 3**.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. August 5, 2025 Arts, Historic Preservation & Philanthropy Committee Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion made by Ms. Herbert and seconded by Mr. Bailey, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the August 5, 2025 Arts, Historic Preservation & Philanthropy Committee Meeting Minutes.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

2. Vista Neighborhood Association's Public Art Placement Project - Mr. Barton Walrath

Mr. Barton Walrath, Vista Neighborhood Association provided an overview of the Lincoln Street Tunnel art project, which envisions a three-block art walk between Lady Street and Taylor Street, with one block being the tunnel itself. The project aims to create a welcoming gateway at the south entrance for pedestrians and cyclists coming from the Vista and heading toward Finlay Park and the Vista Greenway. Approximately \$200,000 has been committed to public art installations over the next one to two years. The project is being developed in collaboration with local artist Clark Ellison.



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There was discussion about preferences between chain-link fencing and an archway; public safety concerns related to emergency access; the importance of including the Vista Guild in ongoing conversations; site limitations due to underground utilities; and coordinating the design to match the tunnel entrances.

3. Vista Guild North Tunnel Entrance Project – Ms. Abby Anderson, Executive Director / Vista Guild

Ms. Abby Anderson, Executive Director / Vista Guild described the murals planned for the north entrance of the Lincoln Street Tunnel. In August, a meeting was held with One Columbia to discuss issuing a Request for Qualifications and collaborating with various artists, including the artist selected for the Finlay Park mural in order to develop a cohesive design. This project aims to visually connect the upcoming Rainbow Forest light installation through Finlay Park to the tunnel.

Ms. Pamela Zeljak, Public Art Administrator for One Columbia explained that three local artists have been invited to submit bids and are currently developing their concepts for the project.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Herbert, there was consensus of the committee to endorse the Vista Guild North Tunnel Entrance Project for City Council’s consideration.

There was discussion about the cohesiveness of upcoming public art projects and ongoing conversations with artists.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, MMC, CPM  
City Clerk