



**COLUMBIA ARTS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION & PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023**

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The Columbia Arts, Historic Preservation & Philanthropy Committee will conduct a meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall (Mayor's Conference Room), 1737 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201. Members of the public may view the meeting online at [www.columbiasc.gov](http://www.columbiasc.gov). Please contact the City Clerk's Office at (803)545-3045 or [cityclerk@columbiasc.gov](mailto:cityclerk@columbiasc.gov) if you have questions regarding the meeting.

The Honorable William Brennan, District III  
The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr., District II ▪ The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, District I

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Columbia Peace Pole Public Art Project - Mr. Skot Garrick, Strategic Initiative Administrator
2. Review of 2003 Art Task Force Report - Mr. John Whitehead, Columbia Music Festival Association

**ADJOURNMENT**



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**MEETING DATE:** October 10, 2023

**DEPARTMENT:** City Clerk

**FROM:** *Erika Hammond, City Clerk*

**SUBJECT:** Columbia Peace Pole Public Art Project - Mr. Skot Garrick,  
Strategic Initiative Administrator

**FUNDING SOURCE &  
ORIGINAL BUDGET:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- **#a:** Peace Pole Project Meeting Memo (PDF)



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## Memorandum

To: Councilman William Brennan, *Chair*, Mayor Pro Tem Edward H. McDowell,  
Councilwoman Tina Herbert, Arts, Historic Preservation & Philanthropy Committee

From: Skot Garrick, Strategic Initiative Administrator

Subject: Columbia Peace Pole Committee

Date: September 21, 2023

Representatives of the Columbia Peace Pole Committee welcome the opportunity to speak with the Arts, Historic Preservation & Philanthropy Committee to discuss their proposal to construct a new Peace Pole sculpture for placement in a City of Columbia Park.

Having completed a Peace Pole sculpture which was designed by a local artist and dedicated in a City of Columbia space in 2022, the Columbia Peace Pole Committee has now raised funds and commissioned an artist to design and construct a new Peace Pole, with hopes that upon completion it can be placed in public view at a City of Columbia park.

According to the Peace Pole Committee, in 2019 a Columbia city council member suggested their committee place a Peace Pole sculpture on the grassy median in the 900 block of Senate Street in the Vista, near the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. In 2020 the committee received the City's permission and worked with One Columbia to commission artist Eileen Blyth, who designed and constructed the Peace Pole, which was dedicated by Mayor Rickenmann in a January 2022 ceremony.

The Columbia Peace Pole Committee has now commissioned award-winning Columbia ceramic artist Olga Yuhkno to create the new Persimmon Peace Pole, which would be a hand-sculpted ceramic and concrete sculpture using an intricate three-dimensional mosaic, incorporating the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in multiple languages. Upon completion next spring, they envision an installation that will also include a bench, steppingstones, and an interpretive sign created by the artist placed in prominent public view at a City of Columbia park.

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