



**ARTS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION & PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Arts, Historic Preservation & Philanthropy Committee conducted a meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 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 2:07 p.m.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Tyler D. Bailey	Chair	Present
Edward H. McDowell	Member	Present
Tina N. Herbert	Member	Present

**INVOCATION**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of the October 29, 2024 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 29, 2024 Arts, Historic Preservation & Philanthropy Committee Meeting Minutes.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

2. Vista Guild Lincoln Street Tunnel Public Art Project - The Honorable Tyler D. Bailey – *Endorse for City Council Consideration*

Ms. Abby Anderson, Executive Director / Congaree Vista Guild explained that the Lincoln Street Tunnel Project is a light installation that spans underneath Washington Street. It will increase the safety experience for visitors in areas of the Vista and Finlay Park. We received a large grant two years ago. The project will be owned by the City of Columbia.

There was discussion about the artist; project lifespan; maintenance; its connection to the history of the city; and the possibility of replacing the project in the future.



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Ms. Pamela Zeljek, Public Art Administrator for One Columbia said we are partnering with the Vista on this project. It has been published on the public art site [www.allforentry.org](http://www.allforentry.org) where artists can apply for projects. Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of area residents and artists who will score the applications based on a rubric that includes aesthetics, connection to the area, materials, and maintenance needs.

There was a discussion the lifespan of murals and outdoor structures and the use of lighting.

There was consensus of the committee to endorse the Lincoln Street Tunnel Lighting public art project for City Council's consideration.

3. Park Street Public Art Project - The Honorable Tyler D. Bailey – *Endorse for City Council Consideration*

Ms. Abby Anderson, Executive Director / Congaree Vista Guild explained that the Park Street public art project will be an interactive piece on the brick trash enclosure. Art will be on two sides: street facing and wall facing. The budget is \$20,000 and \$16,500 will go towards the artists. The plan is to unveil the artwork in April of 2025.

There was discussion about One Columbia creating a public art review committee and appointing one representative for the City of Columbia.

There was consensus of the committee to endorse the Park Street public art project for City Council's consideration.

4. Community Reinvestment Act - The Honorable Tina N. Herbert – *Received as information*

Councilor Herbert provided an overview of the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA), which dictates how funds are allocated to banks to meet the credit needs of low-and-moderate income communities. There are public records on banks' CRA ratings. Preliminary research shows that Bank of America does not serve Columbia and Richland County. There is a need to understand which banks have CRA designations and their application processes.



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Ms. Felicia Kilgore, Community Development Director said local banks support the city lender program and they receive credit for collaborating with the City of Columbia. There could be more support available for particular initiatives.

Mr. Jeff Palen, CFO & Assistant City Manager for Financial & Economic Services suggested meeting with banks to discuss how they are addressing their Community Reinvestment Act obligations; what they have done; and what they plan to do.

There was discussion about the differences between smaller and larger banks; creating a list of all banks and their specific interests; assessing the current CRA scores of our banking partners; banking deserts and bank expansions; and how the lack of bank locations could affect donations towards community resources.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC  
City Clerk