



**ARTS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION & PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Arts, Historic Preservation, & Philanthropy Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 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 3:02 p.m. and the following members were present:

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

**INVOCATION**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of the November 19, 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 November 19, 2024 Arts, Historic Preservation & Philanthropy Committee Meeting Minutes.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

2. Persimmon Peace Pole Project - Ms. Elaine Frick, Columbia Peace Pole Initiative – *Received as information.*

Ms. Elaine Frick, Columbia Peace Pole Initiative explained that Peace Poles, which typically feature four to eight translations of the message "Peace Prevails on Earth." There are now around 250,000 Peace Poles that have been installed across the country, serving as symbols of support for peaceful operations. She highlighted the proposed Persimmon Peace Pole Project, which is tied to a second-generation Piedmont tree grown from seeds collected at ground level in Hiroshima. It is now planted at the Vista Greenway near Taylor Street and Park Street. The committee is preparing for a formal dedication ceremony, after which a full installation event will be held to unveil the accompanying Peace Pole artwork and site features.



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Ms. Olga Yukhno, sculpture artist emphasized the importance of creating inclusive public art in spaces like the Saluda Riverwalk that serve diverse families and daily visitors.

There was discussion about future peace pole locations; maintenance; how the artwork is made; access to public art; and tree dimensions.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC, CPM  
City Clerk