



Columbia Arts, Historic Preservation and Philanthropy Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Call to Order

The Columbia Arts, Historic Preservation and Philanthropy Committee conducted a meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 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 10:00 a.m. and the following members were present: The Honorable Edward H. McDowell, Jr. and the Honorable Tina N. Herbert.

Approval of Minutes

1. December 9, 2025 Arts, Historic Preservation and Philanthropy Committee Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Herbert, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the December 9, 2025 Arts, Historic Preservation, and Philanthropy Committee Meeting Minutes.

Committee Discussion

2. Vista Neighborhood Association Public Art Placement Project

Ms. Pamela Zeljak, Public Art Administrator / One Columbia shared that One Columbia submitted a letter of endorsement and has been engaged since the beginning of the project. The project will be an incredible addition to the emerging public art corridor, complementing nearby murals and tunnel lighting. She noted that local artist Clark Ellefson had been selected, highlighting the importance of involving hometown artists in the project.

Councilor Herbert asked what the issue was with the gate and how was it resolved.

Mr. Henry Simons, Assistant City Manager of Operations explained that staff met with Chief Holbrook of the Columbia Police Department and his team to assess security needs for the Lincoln Tunnel. Based on that assessment, fencing will be installed to allow the tunnel to be secured when necessary for public safety, but it will not remain closed at all times. The neighborhood association has been informed and understands the plan.

Mr. Barton Walrath, Vista Neighborhood Association stated that Assistant City Manager Simon invited them to meet with Chief Holbrook regarding the Lincoln Tunnel. Due to plans to install new fencing at the tunnel entrance, the original location for the public art structure was adjusted. The structure will now be placed along the public art walk leading to the tunnel.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Herbert, there was consensus of the committee to endorse the Vista Neighborhood Association Public Art Placement Project for City Council's consideration.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, MMC, CPM
City Clerk