

Minutes from Public Art Committee Meeting 10.23.25

Greetings from Mayor Sheheen, brief remarks about the City Council's overall vision for Camden to be a great place for people to visit. Focusing on day/weekend trips (as opposed to week or longer).

Public art is a part of this overall plan to create a destination. The purpose of the Committee is to review and make recommendations to Council.

The next major step and responsibility of the Committee is to draft a public art plan, a look at the entire City of Camden and decisions as to what types of public art would be appropriate where. What's appropriate near a historic building, as opposed to a convenience store? Where are the gaps? This will help guide ideas from property owners and others in the community and help prevent random pieces of art from appearing out of nowhere.

Kat suggested reaching out to Harvee White, the public art coordinator and cultural district manager, to see what suggestions and examples already exist. Question to the committee as to how they want to begin – A walk audit? As a group? Or as individuals, and then reconvene with ideas and suggestions?

Mayor sees Rutledge as the hospitality corridor, with an “art trail” to the Arts Center. Working with consultants and designers to create ideas, mainly in the downtown district.

Dot suggested a gateway as you come into town, racing horses, steeplechase, etc. Mayor says there are gateway plans to share with the Committee. The gateway will move up closer to the Visitor Center, with the Dominion property purchase.

Forrest suggested a plan to connect the Visitor Center/Historic Camden, Arts Center, Downtown, Dusty Bend. Connect the history, horses, art and other cultural assets. Brainstorm on how to do that.

Committee reviewed The Camden Hunt submitted their proposal, which was approved by City Council on October 21, 2025. The proposal does not include explanation of maintenance, which is one of the requirements of policy. Kat will draft a letter of recommendation for Committee to review and submit to the City Manager.

Meeting ended at 6:14 pm.



MEMO

TO: Matt Dewitt, City Manager
FROM: Katharine Spadacenta, Community Development Coordinator
COPY: Brenda Davis, City Clerk
DATE: November 6, 2025
RE: Camden Public Art Committee –
Approval of Mural at 2600 Broad Street

Please see the attached letter from the Camden Public Art Committee regarding the review and approval of The Camden Hunt mural at 2600 Broad Street.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.



TO: City Manager Matt DeWitt, Camden City Council

SUBJECT: Approved Mural – The Camden Hunt, 2600 Broad Street

1. The Public Art Committee met on October 23, 2025 to review the proposed mural submitted by The Camden Hunt for the building located at 2600 Broad Street.
2. It is our understanding that the mural was approved by Council during the meeting on October 21, 2025.
3. We are in agreement that the mural would be a good fit for the Dusty Bend commercial district, with its ties both geographically and historically to Camden's equine history.
4. In order to adhere to the Art Policy, adopted by City Council earlier this year, however, we recommend the following:
 - a. Color swatches or paint samples should be provided with the submission of the mural proposal, in the absence of a full color rendering;
 - b. A maintenance agreement or care plan must be included in the proposal;
 - c. An anti-graffiti coating should be applied to the mural once it is completed, in order to protect the mural and prevent accelerated deterioration.

Respectfully submitted,

The Camden Public Art Committee

August 18, 2025

To: Camden City Council

From: Salley McInerney, The Camden Hunt

Dear Council Members,

The Camden Hunt is once again hoping for your approval of a mural, celebrating the hunt's centennial season.

The mural will be painted on the side of the building that houses Requestrian, in Dusty Bend.

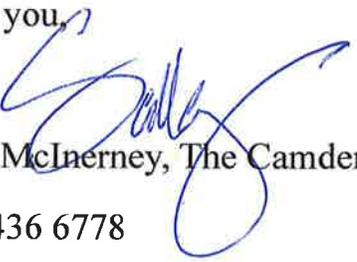
The building is located at 2600 Broad Street.

Alice Boykin Belger owns the building, and we have written permission – which I pass along to you – to paint the mural. She also owns the building to the south of 2600 Broad Street.

The mural will be about 11 feet high and 20 feet wide. It will depict the hunt. Natural colors will be used, reflecting the color of horses, foxhounds, forest and grasses. The coop (jump) will be white. The banner will have a burgundy background with white lettering and a black border. The riders' coats will be red.

The artist who designed the mural is Susan Provenzano.

Thank you,


Salley McInerney, The Camden Hunt

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Aug. 18, 2025

To Members of Camden City Council,

The Camden Hunt has asked if a mural depicting its 100th season may be painted on the side of a building I own, at 2600 Broad Street in Dusty Bend.

The building houses a shop called Requestrian.

I am happy to allow the hunt to paint the mural on the wall of my building.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alice Boykin Belger". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Alice Boykin Belger

Centennial

1926 — 2026

Celebration

