

Camden Public Art Committee Meeting – May 20, 2026

Present: Vanessa Adams, Forrest Fortier, Dot Goodwin, Lisa Adams, Roland Matthews (via phone), Property Owner James Austin, muralist Layz Kreationz, RWVC Director Rickie Good

Meeting called at 9:04 am.

Forrest made motion to approve minutes of previous meeting, special called meeting on May 5. Lisa seconded motion. All approved.

Review of revised proposal from Layz Kreationz including addition of Brooke Benton and Patrick Davis. Roland raised concern of including specific artists, especially if majority of public will not recognize who the artists are, and most will be viewing the mural from their vehicles on Hwy 1. Discussion included mention of historic nature of including Benton's image. Committee as a whole agreed that focusing on Benton would be simpler, easier to focus on. Layz will revise and send another image to the committee in the following week. The committee will likely decide/approve via email, in order to present to Council at their June 2nd meeting.

Rickie Good presented sample panels that will be installed as a part of the outdoor exhibit at the Revolutionary War Visitor Center. The teardrop path will also include a piece of public art inside the loop. The proposed design was presented in concept; Rickie said that a final design will be presented to the committee at a later date. The only approval she is in need of at this point is the shape of the structure and the generalized concept. The materials will include iron and other metals, the top surface will be made of wood, primed and painted. Lisa suggested creating a model to modify the scale, if needed. Discussion of the original sketch, which included a tree, led to the question about the height of the installation at its highest point. Lisa brought up code requirements for buildings, the possibility of needing a railing. Suggestions included raising the entire installation, which may prevent children from climbing on top of it, under it, etc. Rickie said she would discuss with Director of Planning and Development Shawn Putnam and the artist, Colt Shirley. Concern about materials was also raised; Rickie will get confirmation about materials from the artist and also consult with the SC 250th committee, who is partially funding the project.

Prior to adjourning, Kat asked committee to consider the day and time of the monthly meetings. Is there a better day/time to hold the meetings? Kat will follow up with the full committee via email.

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 am.