



# Ocala

## Municipal Arts Commission

### Minutes

110 SE Watula Avenue  
Ocala, FL 34471

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Wednesday, December 4, 2024

4:00 PM

1. Call To Order

a. Roll Call

**Present:** Emily Andrews  
Jaye Baillie  
Arnold Barbaro  
Pedro "Tito" A. Comas  
Jean Floten  
Brooke Hutto  
Natalie McComb  
Darian Mosley  
David Reutter  
Greg Thompson  
**Excused:** Leslie Hammond

2. Proof of Publication

The public notice for the Ocala Municipal Arts Commission Advisory Committee was posted on November 21, 2024.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. October 2, 2024 Minutes

**Attachments:** [OMAC 10.2.24 Minutes Draft](#)  
**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVED:** Emily Andrews  
**SECONDER:** Pedro "Tito" A. Comas  
**AYE:** Andrews, Baillie, Barbaro, Comas, Floten, Hutto, McComb, Mosley, Reutter and Thompson  
**EXCUSED:** Hammond

4. Grants/Applications

a. Ocala Main Street Grant Application

**Attachments:** [OMAC Grant Application](#) [OMS Vacant Storefront Activation](#)  
[Conflict of Interest 12.4.24 Baillie J.](#)

Cultural Arts Supervisor Emily Parkman provided information on Ocala Main Street grant application. Its proposal is to revitalize vacant storefronts in the Downtown and Midtown Ocala area with temporary murals by local artists. The project aims to enhance

visual appeal, reduce crime, and increase foot traffic. The amount being requested is \$3,500, with \$1,000 allocated for identified properties and \$2,500 reserved for future vacancies.

Ms. Baillie asked if the funds can be allocated for future projects? Ms. Parkman stated no, the City has to ensure the funds are being used towards a project or a program that will have results within the fiscal year timeline.

Ms. Jaye Baillie recused herself from voting because she serves on the Ocala Main Street design committee.

Motion to approve Ocala Main Street Grant Application in the amount of \$1,000.00.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Natalie McComb

**SECONDER:** Arnold Barbaro

**AYE:** Andrews, Barbaro, Comas, Floten, Hutto, McComb, Mosley, Reutter and Thompson

**RECUSED:** Baillie

**EXCUSED:** Hammond

**b.** Strategic Community Alliance - 2024 India Fest Update

**Attachments:** [SCA Ocala Metro India Fest 2024 Report to OMAC](#)

[SCA Report Ocala Metro India Fest \\$600](#)

[SCA Report Ocala Metro India Fest \\$1400](#)

Ms. Parkman reviewed the Ocala Metro India Fest final report which was provided by Dr. Sehni Meghani. The event was held on October 5, 2024 and the total number of attendees was 1,400 (1,000 adults, 400 youth). The event featured 25 volunteers; 90 diverse participants; 14 performances; 14 artworks; 3 workshops; an Indian fashion show; a Saree experience; and a health and wellness component.

Ocala Municipal Arts Commission (OMAC) provided \$2,000 which covered venue fees, permitting, marketing, and advertising. The event received widespread publicity and was well received, particularly the yoga and wellness activities. Photos are available on the Strategic Community Alliance website.

## 5. Project Updates

**a.** Marion Flow - Ground Storage wank tank mural update

**Attachments:** [A014 Marion Flow 1](#)

[A014 Marion Flow 2](#)

[A014 Marion Flow tank](#)

Ms. Parkman provided an update on the Marion Flow mural project located at the Downtown Ocala market. The site has been cleaned, primed and is now being painted by Christian and Jessica Stanley of Stanley Creative. The mural is expected to be completed

before the new year.

6. Other Business

a. Current Balance of License Plate Grant Fund

Ms. Parkman reviewed the License Plate grant fund.

b. Artist Roster Call 2025

**Attachments:** [OLD Artist Roster 2022 Media Release and qualifications](#)

Ms. Parkman provided an update on the Artist Roster Call. OMAC and the City of Ocala plan to update the Artist Roster, which includes 209 established artists specializing in public art, such as sculptures, murals, installations, and lighting. The roster serves as a resource for commissions and artist recommendations. The last open call was in 2022, and a 2025 update is proposed to expand the list, incorporating more contemporary and digital artists.

c. Subcommittees

Ms. Parkman provided information on the upcoming Subcommittee meetings. December 11 2024 OMAC Brochure and Marketing Committee and December 13 2024 Community Foundation Fun - Public Art Maintenance. Both meetings will be held on the second floor of the Customer Service Building. Reminders will be sent out.

d. OMAC FY2024 Report to Council December 17 Presentation

**Attachments:** [Annual Report to Council 2024 - OMAC](#)

Ms. Parkman informed the Board members that the 2024 annual report will be presented to City Council on December 17th, 2024, at 4 p.m. The report will highlight the awarded grants, completed projects, and plans for 2025.

7. Public Comments

None

8. Staff Comments

Ms. Parkman stated an in-depth audit for FY2023 was conducted for the State of the Art License Plate Fund, ensuring proper use of funds and compliance with reporting standards. The audit had no issues, and the current balance is accurate.

9. Board Comments

The Board discussed the various events being hosted by their organizations.

10. Next Meeting: February 5, 2025

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.