



## Savannah - Chatham County Historic Site & Monument Commission

Chatham County Commission Chambers, 124 Bull Street, 2nd Floor  
October 3, 2019 4:00 P.M.  
Meeting Minutes

### OCTOBER 3, 2019 SAVANNAH - CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC SITE & MONUMENT COMMISSION

Members Present: Dr. Nicholas Henry, Chair  
Kristopher Monroe, Vice Chair  
Thomas Gensheimer  
Sean Mannion  
Lisa D. Watson

Member Absent: Alicia Blakely

MPC Staff Present: Leah Michalak, Director of Historic Preservation  
Ryan Jarles, Cultural Resources Planner  
Mary E Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

#### I. Call to Order and Welcome

##### [1. Call to Order and Welcome](#)

**Dr. Henry** called the meeting to order at 4:10 and welcomed everyone in attendance. He also welcomed new commission member Lisa D. Watson and thanked outgoing commission member Eli Karatassos for the many years of services he dedicated to the HSMC. Dr. Henry outlined the role of the Historic Site and Monument Commission.

#### II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

##### [2. Approve June 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes.](#)

[📎 June 6, 2019 Minutes.pdf](#)

##### **Motion**

The Savannah - Chatham County Historic Site & Monument Commission does hereby approve June 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

##### **Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Kristopher Monroe

Second: Sean Mannion

Thomas Gensheimer	- Aye
Dr. Nicholas Henry	- Abstain
Kristopher Monroe	- Aye
Sean Mannion	- Aye
Lisa D. Watson	- Abstain

### III. Regular Agenda

#### [3. Petition of Clinton Edminster | 19-005115-PA | 2425 Bull Street | Murals](#)

- 🔗 [2425 Bull Street 19-005115-PA Application.pdf](#)
- 🔗 [2425 Bull Street 19-005115-PA Submittal Packet and Support Letters.pdf](#)
- 🔗 [2425 Bull Street 19-005115-PA Funding.pdf](#)
- 🔗 [2425 Bull Street 19-005115-PA Location Agreement.pdf](#)
- 🔗 [2425 Bull Street 19-005115-PA Recommendation.pdf](#)

**Mr. Clinton Edminster** was present on behalf of the petition.

**Mr. Ryan Jarles** gave the staff report. The applicant is requesting approval for a temporary mural package at 2425 Bull Street. The title for the mural package is the “Starland Dairy Mural Project” and consists of 8 murals designed by 8 different artists. The proposed temporary murals will be painted on 2000 square feet of the east and south facades of the historic Starland Dairy building. The murals will be painted on 5 block infilled openings as well as 3 historic painted walls, one of which features a doorway and 2 infilled window openings. The art will be installed by November 1, 2019 and removed by October 3, 2020.

**Mr. Jarles** stated public notice was sent to all property owners, and the neighborhood association, within 200 feet of the subject property. A sign was posted on the property fifteen days prior to the meeting. Two letters of support were provided by neighboring businesses.

**Mr. Jarles** explained that funding will come in part from local business sponsorship, the City of Savannah’s Weave-A-Dream grant, and small donations from the community. Business Sponsorships \$7,000, Weave-A-Dream \$3,000 and Donations \$3,000. All sponsorships and donations are tax deductible.

**Mr. Jarles** reported that staff recommends approval of the temporary mural package at 2425 Bull Street because it meets the standards in the Master Plan and Guidelines for Markers, Monuments, and Public Art.

#### **PETITIONER COMMENTS**

**Mr. Edminster, Project Director of Starland Mural Project**, explained that the murals are temporary because if they only did permanent murals, they would probably not paint a lot of murals. The last mural they painted was on 32nd Street and it was a very temporary mural, but this enabled three artists’ names to be introduced to the public. Mr. Edminster believes that a temporary nature is good.

**Mr. Gensheimer** asked if the murals would be painted over after a year.

**Mr. Edminster** answered that the walls may be turned into windows or doors for a future project.

**Mr. Monroe** stated that there is a misconception that murals promote vandalism, but this is exactly the opposite. He said that murals really prevent vandalism.

**Mr. Mannion** said he really likes these murals. He is hopeful that a way can be found to make these murals permanent as they are truly awesome.

**Mr. Edminster** stated if we read the wording on his shirt, it says “making making murals cool again.” It does not say “make murals cool again.” What this says is making the process of murals “cool again.” He believes this is an important differentiation specifically with this project as they want to demonstrate how to do murals the right way; that artists get paid the right amount and the right amount of safety is done; they have the right insurance, and have the right permitting in order to set a new precedent for having the murals done in the future. Mr. Edminster said he is less concerned about the murals being temporary because he believes that if they do this right, these murals will be the minority of murals in the Starland

District.

**Mr. Edminister** explained that pertaining to funding, he received two emails this morning for \$1,000.00. This brings the funding up to \$7,000.00 of confirmed donations. He is unsure if they will get the Weave-A-Dream grant, but they are hopeful of getting it. This will give them \$3,000.00 more. However, if this does not happen, they will still be able to finish this project.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Ms. Maggie Fuller** came forward and stated that her husband and she own the Starland Dairy. She explained that because they anticipate getting historic tax credits, they will restore the façade to its original. She and her husband are supporters and advocates for public art.

**Mr. Monroe** commended Ms. Fuller and her husband for the redevelopment of the Starland Dairy and for allowing the murals to be on their façade.

### **COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

The Commission commended the petitioner for putting up temporary murals. They agreed with the staff recommendation.

#### **Motion**

The Savannah - Chatham County Historic Site & Monument Commission does hereby approve the temporary mural package at 2425 Bull Street because it meets the standards in the Master Plan and Guidelines for Markers, Monuments, and Public Art.

#### **Vote Results ( Approved )**

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Thomas Gensheimer	- Aye
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## **IV. Other Business**

### **[4. Appoint Nominating Committee](#)**

**Ms. Michalak** explained that a nominating committee needs to be appointed today and bring the recommended names to serve as officers for 2020 to next month's meeting. Dr. Henry appointed Ms. Blakely, Mr. Gensheimer, and Mr. Mannion to serve as the nominating committee. The Commission will vote on the officers at the December 5 meeting. The three officers positions are: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. As Ms. Blakely was not present at the meeting, she needs to be told that she was appointed to serve on the nominating committee.

### **[5. First Reading of Updates to HSMC Bylaws](#)**

📎 [Bylaws - Revised 2019 - For October 3, 2019 HSMC Meeting.pdf](#)

**Ms. Michalak and Mr. Jarles** reported on the first reading of updates to the HSMC Bylaws. The second

reading will be held at the November 7, 2019 meeting.

6. Update on HSMC Master Plan and Guidelines

☉ [Masterplan update for October 3, 2019 Meeting.pdf](#)

**Mr. Jarles** reported on the update to the Master Plan and Guidelines. The updates are attached to today's agenda.

**V. Adjournment**

7. Next Regular Meeting - Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Chatham County Commission Chambers (2nd Floor), 124 Bull Street

**Mr. Monroe** informed the Commission that the Cultural Arts Center will host a Public Art Lecture and Discussion on October 10, 2019, November 14, 2019, and December 12, 2019. Mr. Jarles and he will serve on the panel. The topics to be discussed are: October 10, 2019 - "Introduction to Public Art;" November 14, 2019 - "Public Art Funding," and December 12, 2019, "Getting it Done."

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There being no further business to come before the HSMC, Dr. Henry adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Michalak, Director of Historic Preservation  
LGM:mem

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