

**CITY OF COLUMBIA
ARTS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING REPORT
NOVEMBER 25, 2014 – 11:00 A.M.
CITY HALL – 3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
1737 MAIN STREET**



Members of City Council conducted an Arts and Historic Preservation Committee Meeting on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 in the City Hall 3rd Floor Conference Room located at 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Moe Baddourah (Chair) called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman was present. The Honorable Leona K. Plough was absent.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS

1. Columbia History Book – *Sherman’s Flame and Blame Campaign through Georgia and the Carolinas* by Pat McNeely

Ms. Pat McNeely, Author of *Sherman’s Flame and Blame Campaign*, presented her book to the committee members and briefly discussed what her book chronicled. She described the many local descendants that are still in the area today. She suggested that during the events planned they should have a reunion day and let relatives come and share items that ancestors have left from this time period as way to collect more history and for people to come together.

This was received as information and no action was considered by the committee.

2. Review of the Hospitality Tax Line Items

Dr. Simon Hudson, Director of SmartState Center in Tourism provided a proposal to the committee for a study on Hospitality Tax. The study would take the data that has been received from the committees in 2012 and they would attend events to gather information from attendees. This study would encompass not just economic impact data, but how the events affect the quality of life for residents. The cost of the study would be \$38,200. It would most likely be completed in September 2015 and could be used for 2016 funding. [Click here to view the proposal](#)

Dr. Raj Aluri, Director of the Columbia International Festival requested to have the Columbia International Festival considered a line item.

There was a consensus of the committee to hold off giving line item status to any organizations until the study is completed.

There was a consensus of the committee to take the proposal before full council for approval.

- Councilor Newman left at 11:50 a.m.

3. One Columbia Update

Mr. Lee Snelgrove, Executive Director for One Columbia briefed the committee on public art being planned for the Vista and downtown. They are currently looking for a Poet Laureate.

- **The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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