



To: Mayor and Aldermen
From: Joseph A. Melder, City Manager
Date: January 6, 2025
Re: Public Input Phase of Public Art Master Plan

The Public Art Master Plan is off to an early start in January 2025, and I wanted to make you aware of some of the upcoming community events. Plan consultants, Designing Local, Ltd., along with City staff will be conducting several outreach efforts, including large and small community gatherings, in early 2025 to inform residents about the public art master plan and get their insights and ideas for moving forward with public art at city parks and facilities near where they live.

The first phase of public input will be a series of smaller, community focus group meetings for each aldermanic district. The focus group meetings, conducted virtually, will engage up to twenty district participants in a discussion about public art. Neighborhood association presidents are being contacted and asked to recommend an individual from their organization or community to take part in the focus group forum.

These initial focus groups are a crucial first step in laying the groundwork for a proposed Master Plan that will be presented to you this Fall. Dates and times for each virtual focus group meeting per district are listed below. If you know of any individual who you recommend participate in these smaller focus groups, please contact the Cultural Arts Center at 912.651.6783 and speak with Tasheca Hutchinson. We are looking to engage individuals who would have an interest in discussing how public art can highlight the essence of Savannah and what vision and types of art would be of interest to the community.

- District 1** - Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 11:30am-1pm
- District 2** - Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 11:30am-1:00pm
- District 3** - Monday, February 17, 2025, 11:30am-1pm
- District 4** - Thursday, February 20, 2025, 11:30am-1pm
- District 5** - Friday, February 21, 2025, 11:30am-1pm
- District 6** - Monday, January 27, 2025, 11:30am-1pm

As this planning process moves forward, I encourage you to promote the various opportunities for the public to get involved among your constituents so that we can make the most of these public engagements. Following the community forums, there will be larger community-wide district meetings that will be widely promoted. More information will be forthcoming.

Thank you.