



# Town of Vienna

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Town Hall  
127 Center Street South  
Vienna VA, 22180

## Meeting Minutes Town Council Conference Session

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Monday, July 11, 2022

7:00 PM

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Center Street, South

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### Meeting with VPAC

#### 1. Regular Business

*Council: Council Member Chuck Anderson; Council Member Ray Brill Jr.; Council Member Nisha Patel; Council Member Steve Potter; Council Member Ed Somers; Council Member Howard J. Springsteen and Mayor Linda Colbert.*

*Staff: Mercury Peyton, Town Manager; Shelley Kozłowski, Assistant Town Clerk; Brian Lubkeman, Fairfax City Town Attorney; Marion Serfass, Director, Finance; Leslie Herman, Director, Parks and Recreation.*

##### A. [22-3241](#)

##### Vienna Public Art Commission

*Mayor Linda Colbert opened the Conference Session at 7:00 PM. She called on Mike Cheselka, Vienna Public Arts Commission Chairman, Midge Biles – VPAC Vice-Chairman and Kathy Blevins – VPAC Clerk to present Item 22-3241 A Vision for Public Art Master Plan draft for consideration.*

*Following the presentation, Mayor Colbert opened the floor for comment from Council. Remarks are summarized as follows:*

- Recommend four commission members from Vienna rather than two – a majority of the seven members;*
- Funding approved by Council for Symphony Park installation will be available when economically feasible to complete project;*
- Inflation has forced a refocus to less expensive projects; i.e. Murals;*
- Consider presentation of five top projects along with cost for each;*
- Assure that proposed projects pass through Council prior to advancement to BAR;*
- Consider adding a process flow chart for clarity;*
- Assure that document language agrees with Council/Town goals;*
- Address issue of public vs. private art; Art on commercial property but viewable by public should involve VPAC;*
- Consider commitment to public art as part of building application; Include public art in initial development plans;*
- Must decide if Council, BAR or VPAC is granted artistic license; Consider ordinance to grant VPAC greater role in public sphere;*
- Consider issue of art installation upkeep responsibility;*
- Art drives economic development; public art provides a means for capturing potential shoppers who travel along Maple Avenue daily;*
- Code Create provides a potential avenue for incentivizing private sector to support and increase public art.*

*Town Manager Payton noted that the wall mural slated for Vienna Market will be researched and a report provided to Council.*

## 2. Meeting Adjournment

*With no further comments or questions, Mayor Colbert concluded the Conference Session at 7:55 PM.*

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