



Economic Development Committee Meeting

AGENDA

February 6, 2018
City Hall

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - II. **MATTERS BEFORE COMMITTEE**
 - 1. Monroe Walton Center for the Arts Annual Report
 - III. **ADJOURN**



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Item:

Monroe Walton Center for the Arts Annual Report

Department:

Additional Information:

Financial Impact:

Budgeted Item:

Recommendation / Request:

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 [MWCA Annual Report](#)



To: City Council
From: Sadie Krawczyk, ED Specialist
Department: Administration
Date: 1/24/2018
Description: Annual Report from the Monroe Walton Center for the Arts by Hope Reese

Budget Account/Project Name: n/a

Funding Source: n/a

Budget Allocation:

Budget Available:

Requested Expense:

Company of Purchase:

Recommendation:

Background:

Attachment(s):

MWCA Annual Report (2 pages)



Annual Report

- We have gone from serving 1 child to an average of 16 per week (in two years).
- Our membership has increased 60% since Feb. 2017
- We had TEN TIMES the sales in Nov 2017 compared to 2016
- We are building a community of creatives through several initiatives: our Free Let's Create Class every Thursday is really meeting a need in our community. One of our participants was in tears the other day - she was so thankful for just this one class!
- Art is therapeutic, healing and a positive force in communities. We ALL need that!
- We are offering on average 6 creative workshops every month and I'm hoping to grow that number significantly over the next year.
- We have five on-going weekly classes for adults - serving at least 14 adults weekly (this is up from about 4!)
- We have four on-going weekly classes for kids, including a new Preschool Art Class - serving 16 kids weekly
- We were instrumental in starting a brand new Walton Writers group. They meet here monthly and have writers coming from all over - Athens, Barrow and Gwinnett County -- 10 - 25 per meeting. They will be holding workshops in 2018 which will have a regional draw.
- Our Student Shows run Feb - April and serve all public and private schools in Walton County. These shows are very popular and a lot of fun!
- New - Starting this month, we are serving about 60 special needs adults through Art Classes especially for them on Tuesdays and Fridays



