



ART COMMISSION BOARD MEETING

**City of Doraville's City Hall
2421 Van Fleet Circle, Suite 200
Doraville, Ga 30360
August 28, 2026
4:00 PM
AGENDA**

To attend the meeting online go to

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82762818848>

I. CALL TO ORDER

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II. ROLL CALL

- A. Sarah Marks
- B. Itzell Mendoza
- C. Andi Ray
- D. Chris Rickey
- E. Andrew Thompson

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

- August 28, 2026

IV. Public Comment

*** Each Speaker is given three minutes to speak***

V. CONSENT AGENDA- APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes July 16, 2026

VI. PRESENTATION & REPORT

- a. Short Introduction from the new Art Commissioner Andrew Thompson and the rest of the commissioners.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Evaluation of the Artwork of the pre-finalist artwork for the Cows from Dekalb County - Initiative 12+1 The Cows Are Coming - City of Doraville

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

X. COMMENTS XI.

ADJOURNMENT



ART COMMISSION BOARD MEETING

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6:30 PM

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Commission Members	Present	Absent	Notes
Sarah Marks	X		
Itzel Mendoza	X		
Andi Ray	X		
Chris Rickey		X	

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION TO MOVE AGENDA ITEM: Approved	
MOVER:	Itzel Mendoza
SECOND:	Sarah Mark
AYES:	3
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

II. Public Comment

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III. CONSENT AGENDA- APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. May 21, 2026

MOTION TO MOVE AGENDA ITEM: Approved	
MOVER:	Itzel Mendoza
SECOND:	Sarah Mark
AYES:	3
NAYS:	
ABSTAIN:	

II. PRESENTATION & REPORT

a. Utility Boxes

Presentation of the Location Utility Box Map with all the utility boxes (Traffic Electrical, AT&T, Georgia Power, and Plumber)

GA Power said that they don't authorize any paint or wrap on their utility boxes. After many attempts to reach different contacts, a staff member from AT&T responded asking who the city will be contacting for this request and said someone would reach out to me with the requirements. That response was like a month ago, but nobody has called me. I will need to reach out again.

What we learned about boxes is that all cities have painted their electrical boxes, and they don't start with one box but with a series of boxes and a common theme. We have \$2000 for this year for one box. Chamblee and Decatur painted their own boxes.

We requested quotes for boxes in different sizes to be wrapped, and only one company responded. Again, best practice is to work in a series of boxes under one topic, make calls for artists, paint them, and unveil them all at the same time.

We have a better vision of what is appropriate and which boxes we can work on. The map shows all the boxes.

One idea is to start with at least five boxes on New Peachtree, which is close to the City Center.

Commissioner discusses brainstorming different themes:

- Ideas within the scope of community, diversity, and vitality include recycling, considering nationality of food, maybe considering a passport, nature like fauna (national animal from each country), history of the city including fun facts, or including the fire of the tanks in 1963, MARTA construction, etc.
- We could hire not only artists but graphic designers
- Doraville was a cotton farming town and a manufacturing center with GM
- Sold off most of the land, which changed the fabric of the city
- Original name was Marthasville, becoming Terminus

- Black Community
- GM was funded in 1947
- First McDonald's, First Home Depot

b. Community Art Project

- Andy came to help with the summer camp students; parents attended the Assembly event to see the art. The tent walls were filled with student-painted disks on all three sides. Kids enjoyed the activity.

c. Art Commissioner Chair Resignation

- Christine Walker resigns for personal health reasons. It was a hard decision for her. We posted the open position, and it will remain open until Aug 9th.

d. The Cows are Here!

- See attached letter of communication with details of the initiative
- Each city will receive a real-size fiberglass cow (7 feet x 5 feet) and \$5000 (\$3000 for the artist and the rest for other expenses)
- We will wait for more details and a timeline. So far, the communication establishes that the cow needs to be completed by Nov 15th.
- Once we receive all the details, we will create our own timeline considering the recommendation of the Art Commission and approval of the Council Members.
- Having an open call with requests for rendering proposals that will be the definitive design to evaluate.
- Itzel will create a draft of the flyer

e. DART Three Mural Project

Recommendations presented to the City Council were approved.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

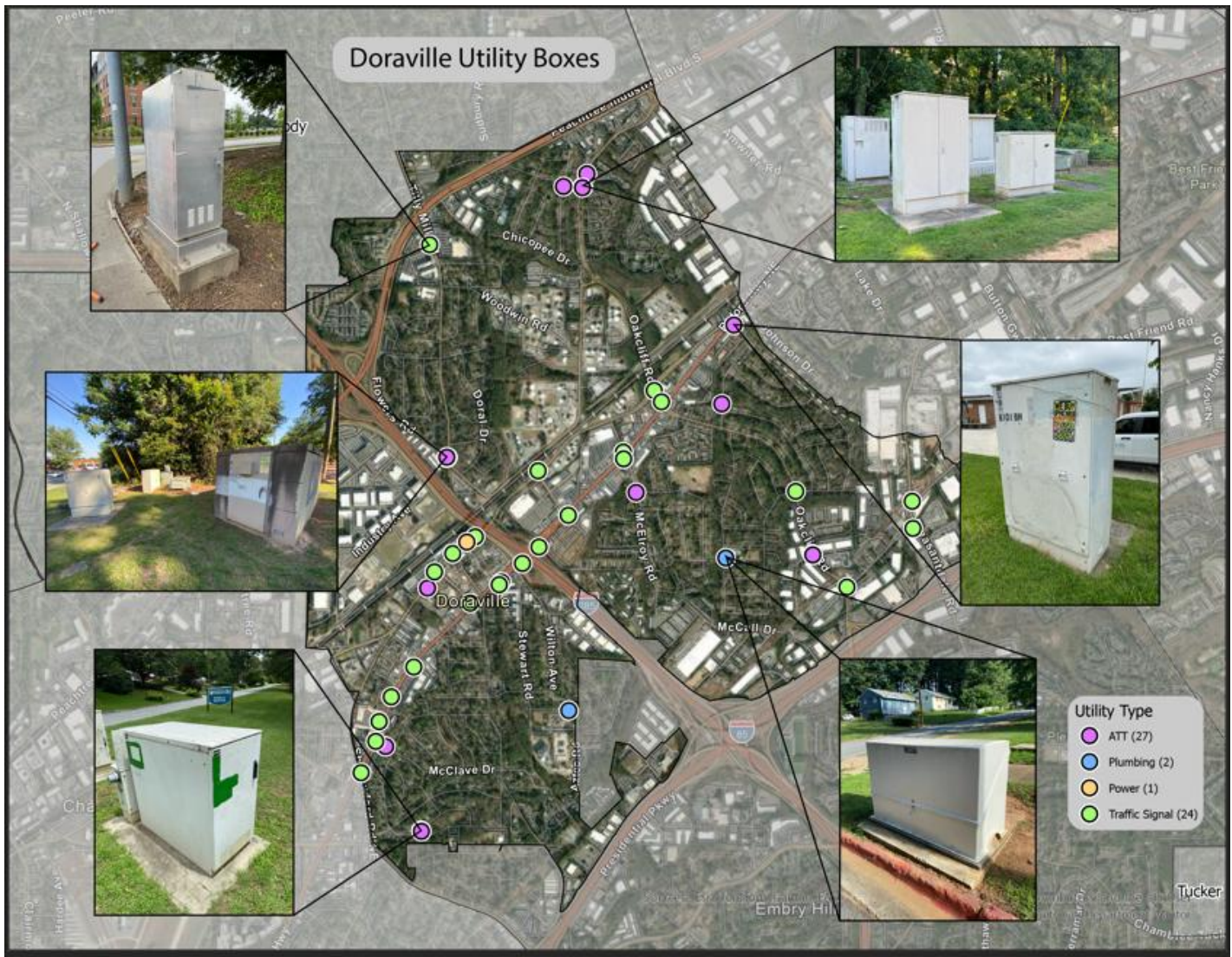
IV. NEW BUSINESS

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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UTILITY BOXES IN THE CITY OF DORAVILLE





Chief Executive Officer
Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

June 29, 2026

Dear Mayors, City Managers, City Council Members, and Community Partners,

DeKalb County is proud to announce the launch of **DeKalb's 12+1 Initiative: The Cows of DeKalb County**, an exciting countywide public art initiative that will celebrate the unique identity, culture, history, and creativity of each of our municipalities while strengthening the quality of life throughout DeKalb County.

This initiative represents far more than a public art installation, it is the beginning of a unified arts movement designed to connect our communities, support local artists, encourage tourism, create memorable public spaces, and foster civic pride across DeKalb County.

As part of this initiative, each of the twelve municipalities + DeKalb County will receive a life-sized fiberglass sculptured cow that will become a permanent public art installation uniquely designed for your city.

Each cow will be transformed by an artist selected by your city into a one-of-a-kind work of art that tells your community's story. Whether inspired by history, culture, architecture, nature, education, innovation, diversity, or local traditions, every cow will become a visual representation of what makes your city special.

This collaborative project is intended to:

- Celebrate the identity and character of every DeKalb community.
- Support and showcase local artists.
- Support the creation of engaging public spaces that residents and visitors can enjoy.
- Encourage travel throughout all thirteen participating communities.

Your partnership is essential to making this initiative a success, and we look forward to working together to create a public art experience that reflects the creativity, diversity, and spirit of every community throughout DeKalb County. Each city will receive a \$5,000 grant towards the retention of an artist to design their cow. Cow designs should be completed by November 15th. Once complete, a cow reveal will be planned and a web page that features all cows.

Thank you for your commitment to helping make DeKalb County a vibrant destination where creativity and community come together.

We can't wait for you to meet your cow.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, M.P.A., M.S.
Chief Executive Officer

Board of Commissioners

District 1
Robert Patrick

District 2
Michelle Long Spears

District 3
Nicole Messiah

District 4
Chakira Johnson

District 5
Mereda Davis Johnson

District 6
Edward "Ted" Terry

District 7
Ladena Bolton



THE CITY OF DORAVILLE AGENDA ITEM SHEET

SUBJECT: DART Three Community Murals at City Parks

DATE OF MEETING: 7/15/2026

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

BUDGET IMPACT AMOUNT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

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ANNUAL

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CAPITAL

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N/A

REGULAR MEETING

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WORK SESSION

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RECOMMENDATION

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POLICY/DISCUSSION

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REPORT

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OTHER

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DEPARTMENT: Recreation, Parks &
Cultural Affairs

REQUESTOR: Mayira Bunting

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- DART will design and facilitate Three Community Mural-Painting events open to residents of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.
- The murals will be installed on plywood panels (4x8 feet), sealed and weatherproofed at Brook Park, English Oak Park, and Honeysuckle Park.
- DART will collaborate with the City of Doraville's Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs, and Public Works to identify an appropriate location at the parks and coordinate the community event and installation. As well as partnering with neighborhood associations, senior groups, schools, libraries, and faith-based organizations to ensure broad community participation and sustained investment in the spaces we collectively improve.
- Timeline of the project, installation and display is from June 2026 to June 2027.
- The application process was reviewed twice for this project. Originally, the applicant requested to participate through an Adopt-A-Plot process, but the city requested that they reapply using the Public Art on public property application.

REQUESTED ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY BOARD:

Decide on the approval of the murals with following recommendations:

- Any grant that involves participation of the city, or that will take place in the public facility, will need to be requested in writing and approved by the city before its submission.
- Any future new community murals connected with this project will need to go to the process of evaluation as a new mural.
- The three proposed murals will be installed at the designated location until June 2027. After this date, they will be evaluated to determine whether to retain them for a longer period or return them to DART.

DeKalb County 12+1 Initiatives The Cows Are Coming – City of Doraville

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FOLLOW THE HERD!

#TheCowsAreComing
www.dekalbcountyga.gov

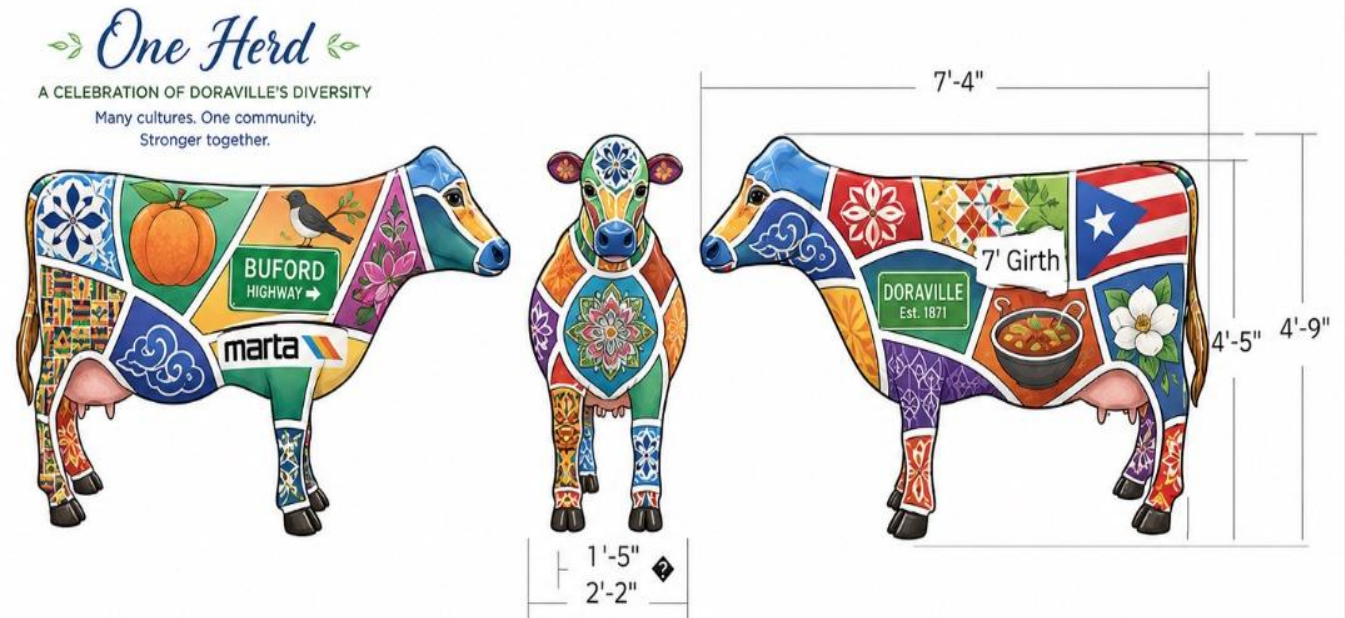


One Herd uses a colorful cow sculpture as a visual representation of Doraville's diverse community. The design brings together patterns, textures, and artistic traditions inspired by the many cultures represented in the city, including Korean textiles, Mexican folk art, Indian mandalas, and African patterns.

Each section of the cow will have a distinct cultural character while connecting harmoniously with the others, symbolizing how different people, traditions, and stories come together to create one vibrant community. Hidden cultural references, local imagery, and unexpected details will encourage viewers to look closely and discover something new each time they see the sculpture.

The Cows Are Coming!

Below are the dimensions for the fiberglass cow sculpture.
Provide a rendering of your artwork on the sides and front.



Eric Nine



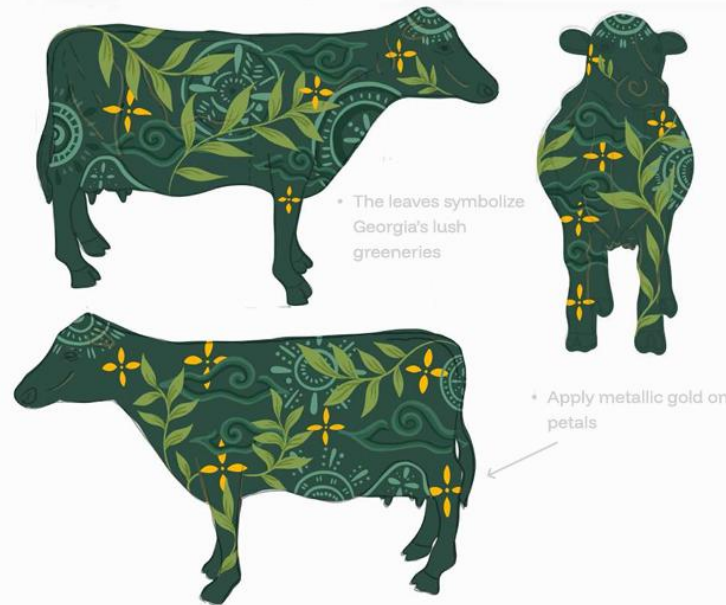
Kindred Patterns

celebrates Doraville's diverse immigrant community, where Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese, and many other cultures coexist along Buford Highway. Like the community, each pattern is unique, but together they create a cohesive and connected whole through shared colors, rhythms, and organic forms. The design symbolizes diversity, connection, and unity.

DESIGN V.1

KINDRED PATTERNS

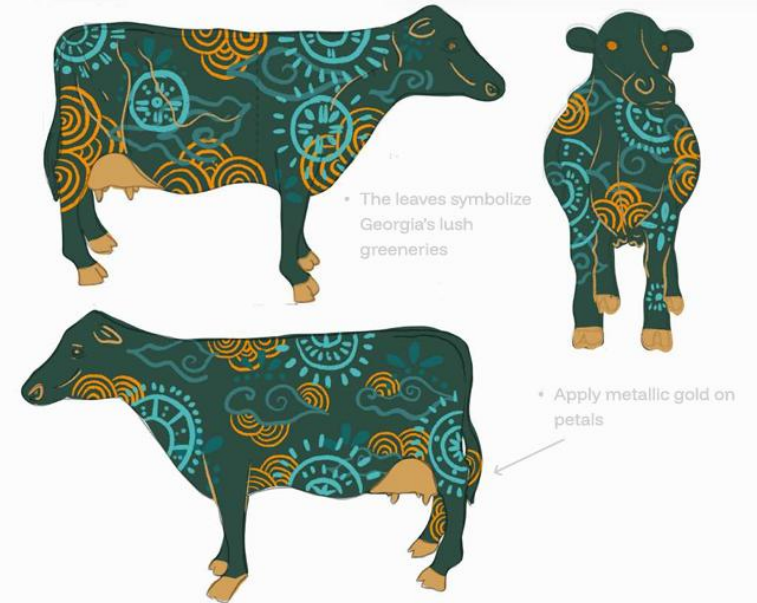
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DESIGN V.2

KINDRED PATTERNS

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Cherry V. Chandra

PAST PROJECTS

FFA World Cup 2026-0 - Atlanta Utility box - \$4500



Fla. 18 Coworking Space - Atlanta 15x8 sqft. 2019 \$8000



Residence - Atlanta 8x8 sqft. 2025 \$2800



SCAD Serve Basketball Court - Savannah 18000+ sqft. 2025 \$18000



Babewalk City of Chamblis - The Empress 25x15 sqft. 2024 \$5000



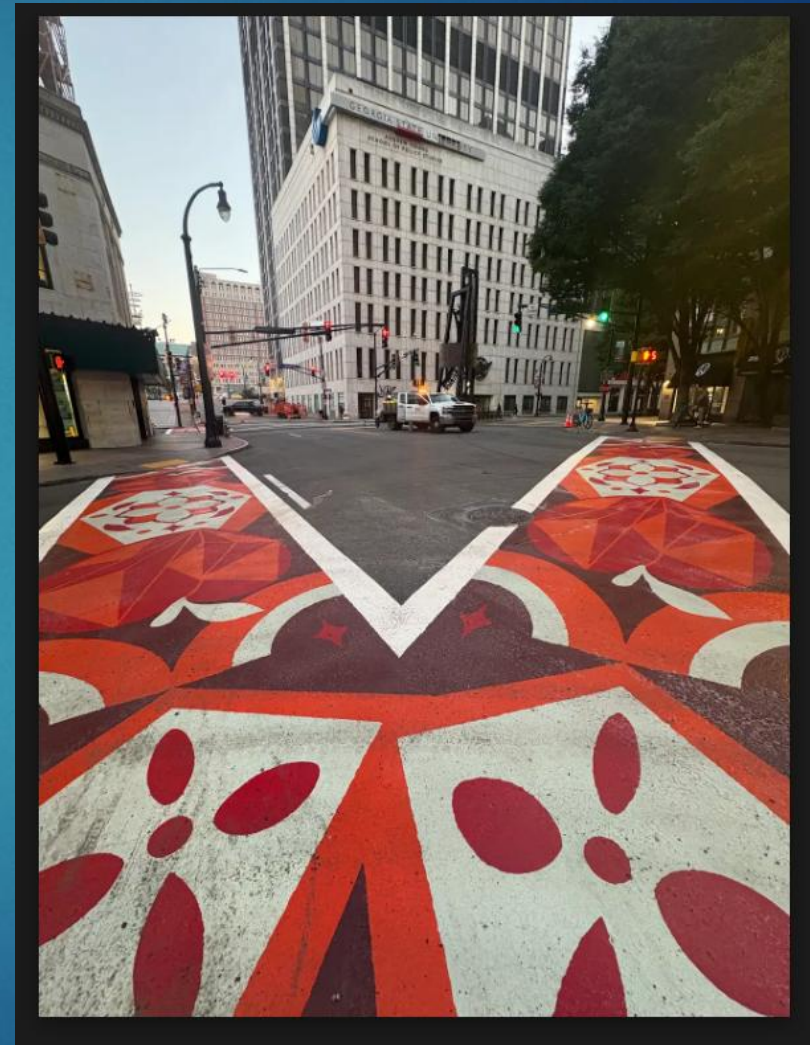
Allison's Dream - Vinings 7x5 sqft. -2025 \$2500



Dogtopia - Atlanta 8x8 sqft. 2020 \$4000

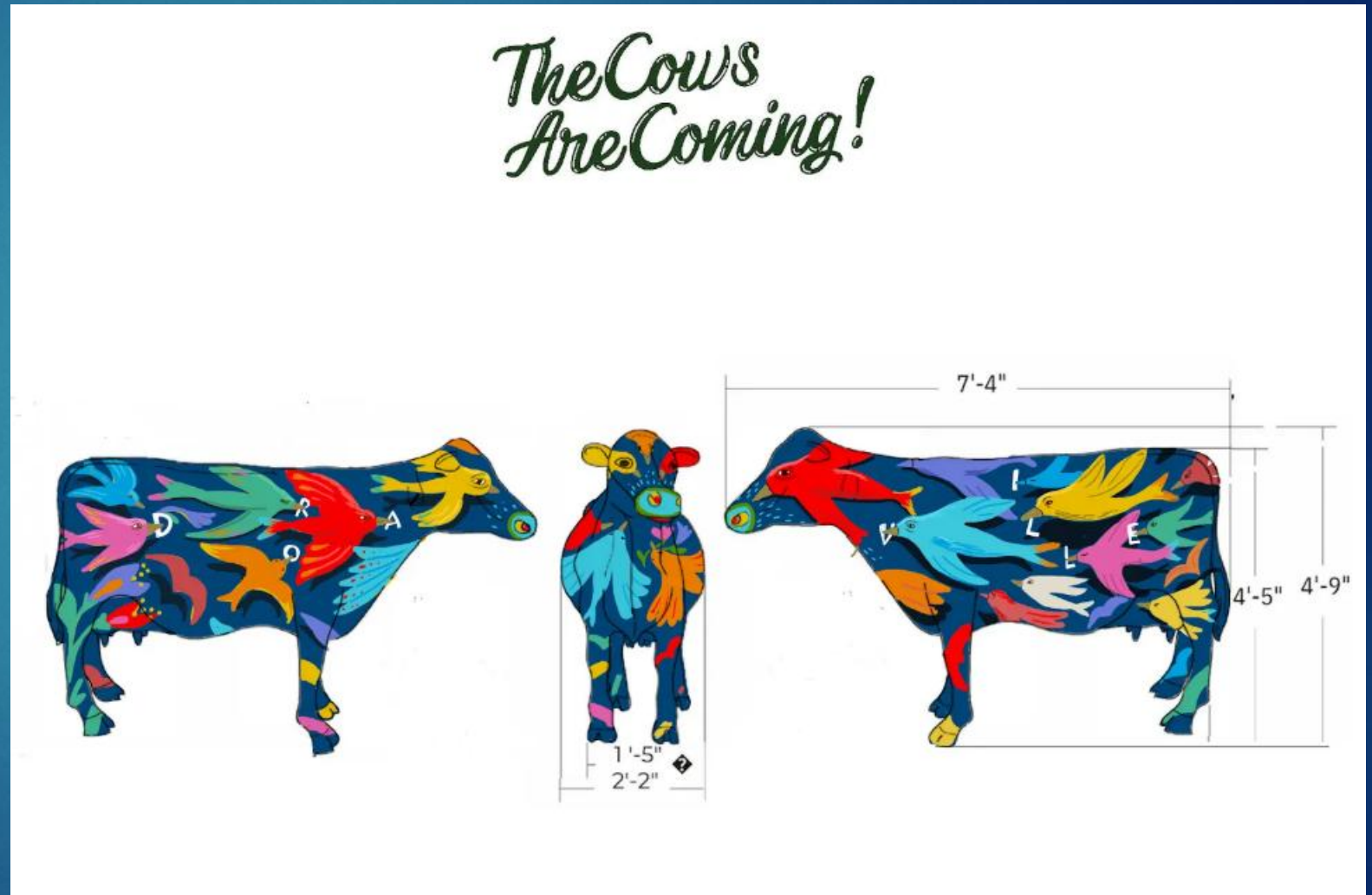


Stacks Squares - Atlanta 8x8 sqft. - 2025 \$5500

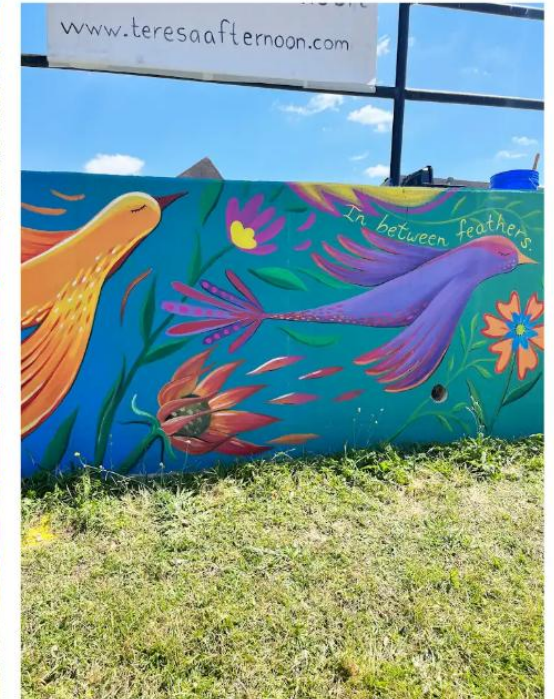


Teresa Abboud

Together We Are Doraville is inspired entirely by Doraville and its diverse, multicultural community. The cow features birds of different types, shapes, and colors flying together in the same direction, representing the city's immigrants, residents, and diverse identities. The birds symbolize unity, shared purpose, strength, movement, and collective growth, while also reflecting the people who travel to Doraville to experience its unique culture, food, and community. The artwork is intended to be distinctive to Doraville, celebrating the city's identity and the many people who come together to make it special.



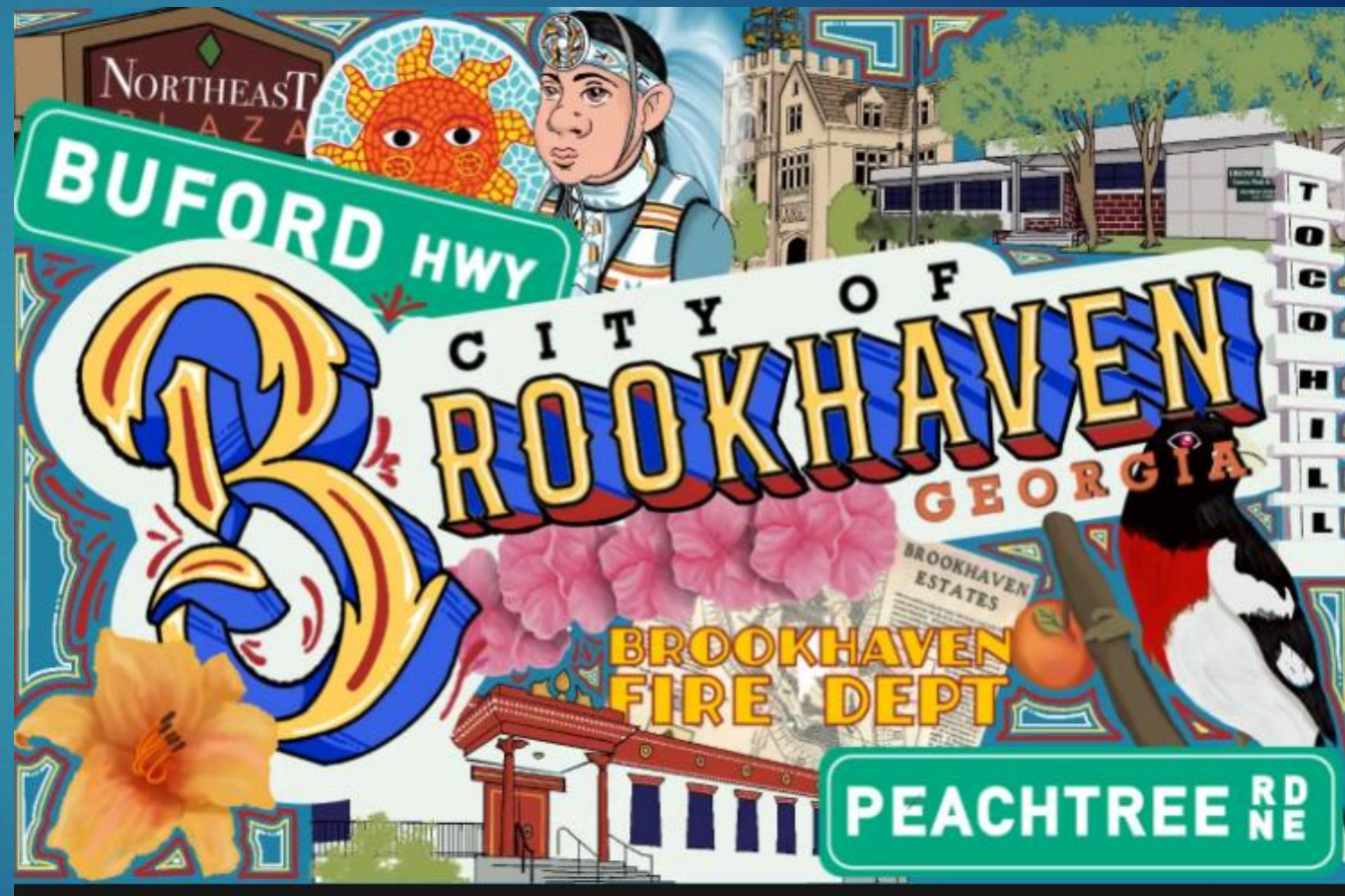
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Mural painting for the city of Lawrenceville, 2021

Sugar Skull Cow uses a sugar skull-inspired cow to celebrate Doraville's long-standing multicultural inclusivity, particularly its Hispanic community. Through imagery rather than words, the piece aims to communicate belonging, recognition, compassion, and unity. The cow becomes a symbolic vehicle for a larger story about Doraville's diverse community and a subtle message that residents are seen, heard, and valued.



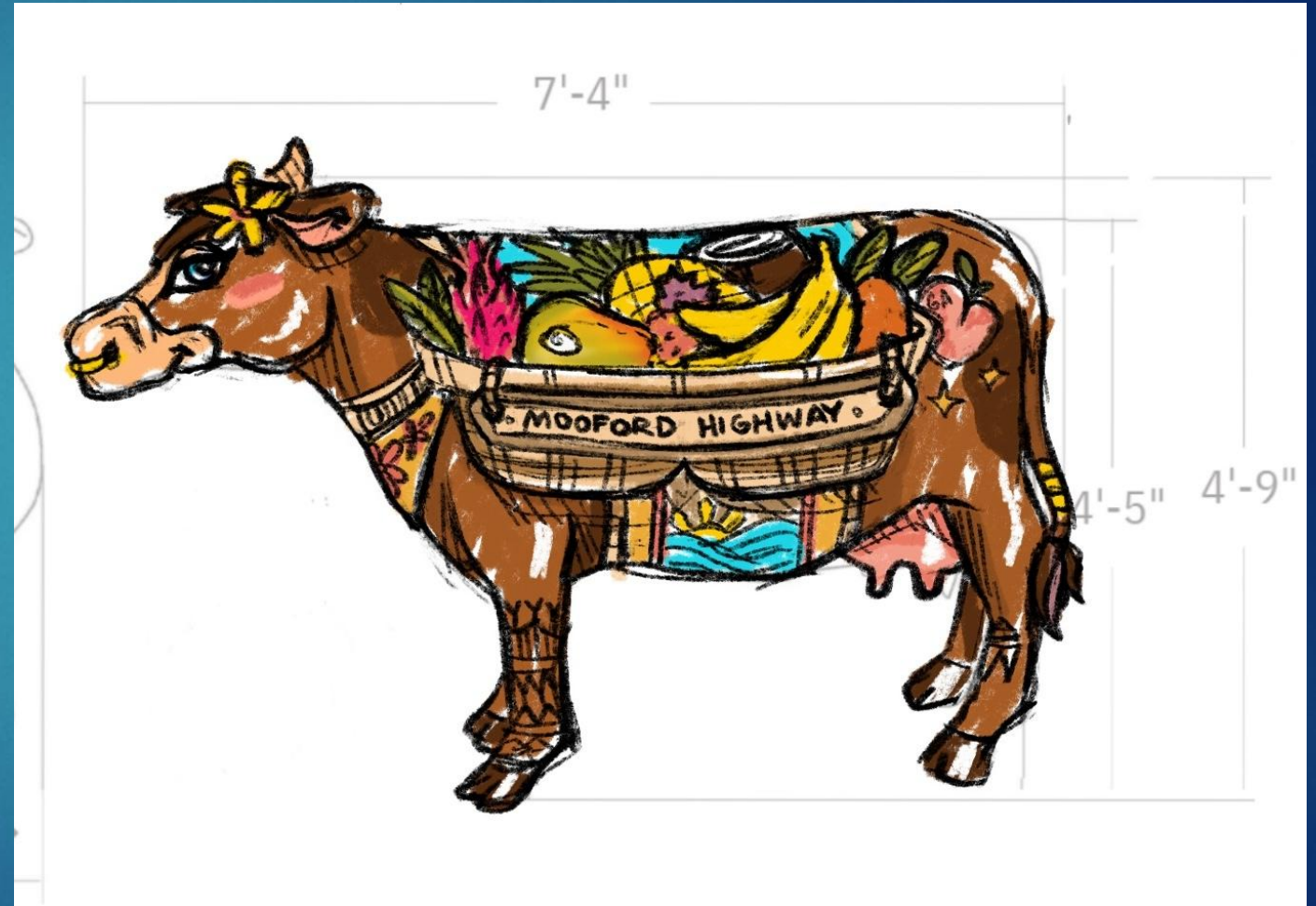


Leah Abucayan

MOOford Highway is a playful tribute to Doraville's multicultural community and the diverse flavors, people, and traditions along Buford Highway. The cow is transformed into a colorful traveling market, carrying tropical fruits and produce that represent the area's international grocery stores, markets, and restaurants.

Railroad, transit, food, music, flowers, and cultural patterns highlight Doraville's history and diversity. The artwork wraps around the entire sculpture, creating discoveries from every angle.

The cow's unique design makes her more than a painted sculpture—she becomes a friendly neighborhood mascot carrying the cultural flavors and spirit of Buford Highway.



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MURAL WORK EXAMPLES



Buford Highway x Living Walls | Doraville, GA



Paint Memphis | Memphis, TN



Babe Walls (collaboration with Charity) | Chamblee, GA



Walmart Grocery Entry Mural | Prairieville, LA



Downtown Welcome Mural | Lawrenceville, GA



Atlanta Run Club Studio | Chamblee, GA

UNCONVENTIONAL CANVASES



Duct tape on G-Wagon | Augusta, GA



Golf Bag | East Lake Foundation | GA



Fire Hydrants | Smyrna, GA

