

# Chapel Hill Poet Laureate

Program Development and Update

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# BACKGROUND & UPDATE

- Established by Council in 2019
- Community Arts & Culture is liaison with Poet Laureate
- Met with current Poet Laureate early on to establish interests and vision
- Regular meetings to identify opportunities and develop program framework
- COVID has presented challenges, limited opportunities
- Been able to build program from ground up with joint design from current Poet Laureate

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# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Application and selection process
- Poet Laureate appointed for two years
- Stipend is \$1,500 per year (\$3,000 total)
- Jointly design public appearances, engagements, workshops, etc based on interests/strengths of Poet Laureate
- Be intentional about monitoring official appearances and compensating for work outside scope of program
- Continue to learn and iterate program with each Laureate

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# FUTURE OF PROGRAM

- Formal application/selection process, beginning in 2022
- Collaboration with Carrboro, Hillsborough, other NC poets laureate
- Develop Youth Poet Laureate program, part of national network
- Continue to raise profile and impact of CH Poet Laureate

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# RECOMMENDATION

- That Council approve the Poet Laureate Framework and extend the current poet laureate's tenure.

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