



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MINUTES-SPEIAL MEETING
MARCH 5th, 2026
THURSDAY, 4:00PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Mission Statement: *The mission of the Waynesville Public Art Commission is to engage the community and enrich public spaces through original art that celebrates Waynesville’s historic, cultural, natural, and human resources.*

Present:

Chairman George Kenney
Mark James
Carolyn Kemmett
Steve Lloyd
Kathy Swingley
Tonya Harwood
Doug Garrett
CJ Deering

Absent:

Staff Present:

Candace Poolton

Others Present:

Max Dowdle (Artist, via Zoom)
Teresa Pennington

Chairman George Kenney welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

1. Approval of the January 8th, February 9th, and February 10th, 2026 minutes

A motion was made by Tonya Harwood, seconded by CJ Deering, to approve the January 8th, February 9th, and February 10th, 2026 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discuss Historic Main Street Mural Final Design

Max requested that WPAC assists with getting a five to seven word description for the frame of each photo in the mural. Candace said she would ask Alex to help. The WPAC agreed on the following changes: Make Oscar Briggs smaller, add “Waynesville, NC” to the first photo, make

the last image on the far right slightly larger. Max agreed and would email the final product. Max said he will be in town painting April 13-19, and do prep work to the building April 11-12. George said WCU is coordinating two student interns who will be paid by the WPAC to assist Max. The WPAC agreed that Appalachian Heritage Day, April 18th, would be the perfect day to have a Community Paint Day.

A motion was made by CJ Deering, seconded by Steve Lloyd, to recommend the final design of the Historic Main Street Mural to Council for approval, pending the minor changes aforementioned. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Officially Change Meeting Location

A motion was made by Steve Lloyd, seconded by Doug Garrett, to move the regular meetings of the WPAC back to the Municipal Conference Room at 16 S. Main Street. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss Main Street Salamander Art Idea

Tonya and Candace presented a general idea for a “salamander scavenger hunt” on Main Street, similar to the mice in Greenville, SC. The idea was that local businesses could sponsor a salamander, and a local artist could help paint them, and they would be hidden around Main Street. Candace said that each month, Main Street businesses could take turns being the final location for the person to redeem their prize. She suggested reaching out to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park to see if they would donate patches as a prize. Tonya said there may be grants available to help fund this project as well.

5. Other Business

Tonya mentioned the Quilt Trail tours for Haywood County Arts Council on April 18th, and said they could work in a stop at the mural during the Community Painting.

6. Adjourn

A motion was made by Steve Lloyd, seconded by Tonya Harwood, to adjourn the meeting at 4:53pm. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Candace Poolton, Town Clerk

Chairman George Kenney