

WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC Art COMMISSION

Town Hall, January 20, 2011 4:00 PM

Members present:

Jan Griffin x
Bill King x
Kaaren Stoner x
Philan Medford x
David Blevins x
Sarah Jane League x

Town Staff present:

Alison Melnikova x

Meeting called to order by Chair Jan Griffin at 4:00 PM.

Minutes of last meeting December 9, 2010 were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report – tabled due to absence of Mieko Thompson

Old Business:

Signage for Public Art Pieces:

Bill King is heading committee to address updating/creating plaques for public art pieces. There are multiple plaques that must be updated and Bill has done survey of individual plaques. Lorna Sterling, Kaaren Stoner, Ann Melton and Philan Medford volunteered to be on committee and Mike Gillespie will consult.

Discussion for this effort was begun prior to the railing project but was put on hold until its completion. Some decisions on standard size for the signs and text recommendations were made but committee will review and update based on current circumstances. There was discussion on verbiage for the signs and there is some feeling that more than minimalist verbiage will be good to facilitate information to visitors in Waynesville.

Memorial Donation from Ned Hildreth's estate:

David Blevins will chair committee to pursue obtaining a piece of art to fulfill the bequest from the estate of Ned Hildreth. Sarah Jane League and Mieko Thompson will serve on the committee. Ned's friend Paul Germann will be a part of the process to fulfill this request. Sarah Jane League will get Paul's contact information and discuss with him his interaction with this project. The Commission's consensus, in a motion that passed unanimously, is that the topic guiding the artistic design of this art will include "The Historic Arch" image that was at the

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corner of Main Street, where the Mini-park is now located. The committee will decide what an appropriate piece for this art will be – suggestions have been a bench or artistic planter. The Commission with the Committee's input will then proceed to put out call for artist and follow through with obtaining the art piece.

There was discussion on whether public art pieces should have memorial plaques. In essence, those that were funded with multiple fund donors within the Town cannot and should not have plaques. However, this piece is funded from a single bequest with specific guidelines from the donor. Further discussion will determine whether a plaque needs to be provided with this piece.

The Committee will report back to the Commission in February.

New Business

Budget Request for 2011 (July 2011-June 2012):

The budget request for the WPAC for 2011 was determined as follows after review of past year's request and the operational needs of the Commission for this year:

- \$1,500 for new art piece to support three artists - \$300 each for honoraria, \$200 each for travel
- \$1,000 for signage for the Mini-park railing and the new art piece
- \$2,500 for fund raising efforts for WPAC
- \$1,000 for community outreach and general administrative/operational expenses

The total budget request for 2011 is \$6,000 and was unanimously approved.

Community Outreach:

Jan Griffin expressed her desire to do community outreach in 2011 to promote community awareness of WPAC, its mission, accomplishments, and future plans. There is a need to get the WPAC mission articulated within the Town and to define and distinguish its mission versus those of other organizations, like Haywood County Arts Council.

Scrapbook:

Jan Griffin expressed her desire to create a scrapbook of the history of WPAC and its accomplishments for the Town. She asked the Commissioners to provide her with any items that they may have that would contribute to this effort including publicity, committee reports, activity reports, and documents on how WPAC accomplished its projects.

Website:

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The WPAC information on the website has been updated.

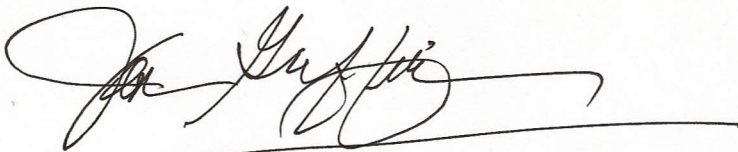
Adjournment: 5:30 PM by acclamation.

Next meeting is 4:00 PM, February 10, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Jane League, Commissioner

Approved: Feb. 10, 2011

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jan Griffin", written over a horizontal line.

Jan Griffin, Chair