

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2013
THURSDAY
4:00 PM
Town Hall**



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.

The Waynesville Public Art Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, November 14th, 2013.

Members present:

Chairman Ann Melton
Jan Griffin
Bill King
Dave Blevins
Diana Laursen
Micah McClure
Charles Mills

Also present:

Town Manager Marcy Onieal (for Mr. Bowen's introduction)
Intern Andrew Bowen

Absent:

Sarah Jane League
Dominick DePaolo
Secretary Ginny Boyer

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. Town Manager Marcy Onieal introduced Intern Andrew Bowen who will be serving as Management Assistant. Andrew, in Western Carolina University's MPA program, will finish his degree in May. He is responsible for many of the duties that Alison Melnikova was responsible for, one of which is staffing the Public Art Commission. Manager Onieal said Andrew is a great addition, a hard worker who has worked both in Haywood County and Jackson County. He is interested in local government management, is newly married, makes pies on the weekend and is serving today as Secretary in Ginny Boyer's absence.

Minutes of October 10, 2013

David Blevins made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 10th regular meeting; this was seconded by Bill King. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Charles Mills made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report which was seconded by Micah McClure. All were in favor and the report was accepted as presented.

Signage for Mini-Park

David Blevins made a motion to accept Bill King's suggestion of moving the current sign Art Connects the Park forward (possibly where the rail narrows) from the back of the park for greater visibility. Jan Griffin seconded and all were in favor.

Signage for Wildflowers of the Smokies is needed. Bill King suggested:

WILDFLOWERS OF THE SMOKIES

Artist Grace Cathey Dedicated 2013

The artist, who lives in Haywood County, is recognized as a premier metal sculptor. Her work has been exhibited in the Smithsonian and the White House and can be found in public places and private homes across the country. Here she depicts three native flowers that illustrate the richness of the flora in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Signage for the *Gateway to the Smokies* arch is also needed. Bill King suggested:

HISTORIC ARCH

Metalsmith Ted Dake Dedicated 2012

This arch commemorates the historic sign that spanned Main Street on this corner for forty years noting the town's relationship to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Charles Mills made one correction to the metalsmith's last name; it is Dake, not Drake.

Mr. King added that the signs will be done in the same style and using the same materials as prior signs. Finalization on the signs' content will be at the December meeting.

Public Art Projects: Ideas for New Piece, Location and Fundraising

Chairman Melton hopes to have Kevin Duckett join the Public Art Commission and is confident of his commitment to help with public art in Hazelwood, however, Mr. Duckett has not yet submitted an application to the Town expressing his interest.

Several ideas were mentioned as possible fundraising activities for Hazelwood public art: partial proceeds from Maggie Valley's Plottfest; a concert including Balsam Range; a one-block festival much like Frog Level's Whole Bloomin' Thing; a carnival located at Waynesville Middle School or the Folkmoot Center; a summertime festival with fireworks much like the Haywood County's

Razzle-Dazzle event; an evening when merchants who stay open late donate a percentage of sales; half-price appetizers at Bourbon Barrel; an online fundraiser; selling plaques to go with the sale of benches, if the bronze ones previously talked about are purchased; and crafting an online campaign to reach not only local supporters but major donors like Wells Fargo and Best Buy. It was the consensus of the commission that a web presence is needed for the Public Art Commission, a place where there could be a continuous campaign of giving, one that could possibly be linked to the Town of Waynesville website. Chairman Melton asked Charles Mills and Micah McClure to discuss this with Town Manager Marcy Onieal.

Other Business

Jan Griffin mentioned that she discovered tri-fold brochures advertising Grace Cathey's artwork in a container under the newly installed *Wildflowers of the Smokies* piece. Chairman Melton plans to write a letter addressed to Ms. Cathey (to first be reviewed by commissioners via email) which will explain that the Public Art Commission cannot promote the artist but the art itself and its connection to Waynesville and Great Smoky Mountains.

Adjourn

With no further business, Bill King moved to adjourn the meeting; this was seconded by Chairman Melton. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:09.

Ginny Boyer, Secretary

Jan Griffin, Chairman