



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
MAY 14, 2015
THURSDAY, 4:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

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.

Those present:

Chairman Ann Melton
Jan Griffin
Charles Mills
Dominick DePaolo
RoAnne “Sug” Barnett
Micah McClure

Also Present:

Amie Owens, Staff/Secretary
Catherine Hughes, MPA Intern

Absent:

Vice Chairman Diana Laursen
David Blevins
Sarah Jane League

Chairman Melton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Minutes from the April 9, 2015 regular meeting

There was no discussion of nor corrections noted to the minutes.

Ms. Griffin motioned to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. McClure seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer’s Report

While Ms. League was not present and there was no formal report. There was one expense for the signage for Chasing Tadpoles and LaFemme that was noted at the previous meeting. The amount is approximately \$1,900. This still leaves a healthy

balance (over \$20,000) in the WPAC coffers. There were no questions about the treasurer's report.

Mr. Mills made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Ms. Barnett seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

4. Hazelwood Art

Ms. Griffin explained that the notecards are being developed for an alternative fund raiser. Everyone was accepting of the consent form to be forwarded to the artists of the pieces and Ms. Griffin will be providing a box of the finished notecards to each of the artists at no charge. Chairman Melton thanked Ms. Griffin for talking to the artists individually and for continuing to work on this project.

Ms. Barnett added that if the notecards are successful that the WPAC may wish to consider having other groups such as those 55+ or children to provide their renditions of the pieces of art in an effort to have a future community project. This is a way to find new artist in the community. Ms. Barnett also noted that if the goal of the group was to engage the community, having hosted tours to the various art pieces may be another activity for consideration.

Ms. Griffin had a number of items to discuss related to the Hazelwood art piece including:

- Downtown Waynesville Association has given permission to allow WPAC to sell notecards and comic books during the Appalachian Lifestyle Celebration at their table at no cost
- Cornerstone will print the notecards and envelopes for a total cost of \$0.55 each – there will be 14 cards and envelopes in each pack. The suggested cost is \$12.00 per box.
- Boxes will cost approximately \$150.00 with the artist being paid \$200.00.
- No fundraiser at this time for the Plott Hound as there is still much to do regarding location and timing of the piece
- The timing for the call for artists - the suggestion was to send out letters in August/September with a January return date. While there is not an actual space determined at this point, dimensions such as those of the bench would be reasonable.
 - August/September – letter to artists
 - January/February – deadline for submission
 - March/April – review by committee
 - May – approval by Board of Aldermen
 - June/July – fundraiser and installation of piece

The comic book by Mr. DePaolo is almost finished and should be available to sell at Plott Fest. Mr. DePaolo noted that he could auction off the ink boards as part of the fundraiser in 2016.

5. LaFemme

Chairman Melton reminded members of the dedication of LaFemme on Friday, May 22 at 5:30 p.m.

As this is a smaller event, the WPAC and Town will provide the refreshments and tents for participants. Ms. League volunteered to make punch, Mr. Blevins was asked to provide ice, the Town will provide tents, tables, cups, plates, utensils; all other members are encouraged to bring finger foods.

6. Other Business

a. **Board Appointments** – at this point there are three positions available for appointment on the WPAC – one at-large and two residential. Ms. Laursen has indicated that she will be unable to serve again; Ms. Griffin has indicated that she would be interested in serving again; Mr. Blevins' seat is the final position and no response has been received regarding his desire to serve. Board appointments will be completed at the June 23, 2015 meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

b. **Introduction of Intern** – Catherine Hughes was introduced to the group and she explained that she was interning for the summer and was pursuing her Master's Degree in Public Administration from UNC-Chapel Hill. She will be assisting with emergency operations planning and other items during her assignment.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Barnett made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffin to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Amie Owens, Staff/Secretary

Ann Melton, Chairman

The next Public Art Commission meeting: **Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.**