



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2016
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:

Treasurer Sarah Jane League
Jan Griffin
Ann Melton
Libba Feichter
Teri Siewert
George Kenney

Also Present:

Amie Owens, Town Clerk

Absent:

Chairman Nick DePaolo
Vice Chairman Micah McClure
Charles Mills

Treasurer Sarah Jane League called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

1. Minutes from the November 12, 2015 regular meeting

Ms. Griffin motioned to approve the November 12, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Siewert seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer’s Report

Ms. League provided the Treasurer’s Report as of October 31, 2015. She noted that the revenue at the time of the report was \$30,043.44 which included the \$5,000 grant from the Town of Waynesville. Additional funds raised from sale of the notecards equaled \$905. Expenditures included the purchase of the Wall Street Quilt (which was presented to the Town) and the plaque noting its dedication.

She is hoping for the calendar year end report from Finance Director Eddie Caldwell for presentation at next month’s meeting.

Ms. Melton made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ms. Griffin seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

3. Frog Level Bench Project

Ms. Owens explained that at the last meeting, a sketch and quote had been received from Stefan Bonitz for a bench depicting the National Guard emblem including a life-sized figure as part of the bench. She reminded members that the group would be commissioning only one bench for \$4,000.00. The contract for the bench is being reviewed and will be forwarded to Mr. Bonitz once approved by legal counsel.

Members discussed when the bench should be installed. They agreed that if possible, around Memorial Day would be good and could allow for additional activities and inclusion of military dedication. Discussion was held about potential fundraising activities including a bar-be-que dinner and possible musical entertainment.

Ms. Griffin noted that she had discussed the bench and that there was an individual who did poetry about veterans and the military who may wish to participate at the event. Further discussion will occur at the next meeting.

4. Other Business

Hazelwood Parking Lot

Ms. Owens reported that the lease agreement for the parking lot in Hazelwood is still in negotiation. She will update as appropriate.

Notecards

Ms. Griffin explained that she had picked up the notecards from all of the locations throughout town in order to get a better count as to the number remaining and since this is a slower time for merchants. The plan is to put them back out in March or April in advance of the fundraiser for the bench project and Plott Hound.

Wall Street Quilt

Ms. Feichter inquired as to whether or not a location for the "Wall Street" piece was found so that it could be displayed in a more linear fashion to better illustrate the landscape that was used as inspiration. Ms. Owens has been working with town staff to see if there is another way to display the piece, but unfortunately, at this point, there is not a location where degradation of the piece could be prevented if shown linearly.

Thank You to Marcy Onieal

Both Ms. League and Ms. Melton requested that formal recognition of outgoing town manager Marcy Onieal be included in the minutes. "Thank you to Marcy for her support of the art pieces throughout Waynesville, for her taking the time to meet with the WPAC and for always being a champion of the arts in the community."

Ms. Siewert inquired what was next for the WPAC since the bench project was about to be underway and that Plott Hound was on hold until the parking lot issue was finalized. Members brainstormed and wondered if there could be a piece focusing on the history of Waynesville that could be placed at or near the Shelton House.

Mr. Kenney mentioned the possibility of doing something like Hendersonville and having a sculpture of some sort that could be decorated and shown in downtown and then auctioned off as a fundraiser; maybe a Plott Hound. Ms. Owens will investigate with Hendersonville to see how they accomplish this and will coordinate with town staff related to ordinances, zoning and regulations.

Another question was brought up about possibly having umbrellas at the tables in the mini-park at the corner of North Main and Depot Street. Ms. Owens will see if this is something that the town provided or the Downtown Waynesville Association and how to proceed with the request.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. League adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Amie Owens, Staff/Secretary

Sarah Jane League, Treasurer

The next Public Art Commission meeting: **Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.**