



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 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:

Chairman Nick DePaolo
Vice Chairman George Kenney
Treasurer Sarah Jane League
Jan Griffin
Libba Feichter
Charles Mills
Caroline Williamson

Also Present:

Amie Owens, Assistant Town Manager
Brittany Buchanan, HR Specialist
Rob Hites, Town Manager

Absent:

Teri Siewert
Ann Melton

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

1. Welcome of New Town Manager – Rob Hites

Mr. Hites was welcomed by the Public Art Commission members and all were asked to introduce themselves.

2. Minutes from the August 11, 2016 regular meeting

Ms. Feichter motioned to approve the August 11, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Griffin seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Sarah Jane League explained that she had requested the monthly report from Eddie Caldwell, Finance Director, Town of Waynesville but it had not been received at the time of the meeting. She will forward via email to the membership. Ms. Griffin added that she had just turned in an additional \$12.00 for sale of notecards.

4. **Follow up Discussion about Goals and Objectives for the Upcoming Year**

The Plott Hound

Vice Chairman Kenney began the discussion regarding the Plott Hound piece noting that at the last meeting that an idea to place the piece at the Dog Park was an alternative if negotiations with Chris Forga were not fruitful by the end of 2016. All agreed that this would be a suitable alternative.

Ms. Griffin added that it is imperative to begin fundraising as soon as possible to keep the previous and potential donors apprised of what the WPAC is going to be doing. Ms. League echoed the sentiment and suggested an awareness campaign to begin with some media submissions may be a good way to begin.

Mr. Hites contributed to the discussion by explaining that the piece should be in the most conspicuous location possible where it can be viewed easily and by a multitude of individuals.

Call for Artists – draft

Ms. Owens provided members with a draft Call for Artists and requested assistance with additions or revisions to the document. Some clarifications would be required before a final draft is produced including the total price for the piece; the location including the dimensions of the area for the work; and whether or not a base will be included for the piece.

Ms. Owens has the listing of the previous artists who were contacted for past projects and researched some additional regional sculpture artists. Ms. Owens will send the information out to the membership.

Fundraising

Chairman DePaolo has re-drafted the Hounds of Hazelwood publication to be a coloring book with multiple pages. This will be printed and sold as part of the fundraising efforts for the new piece. Members discussed whether or not the book would be ready for the Church Street Fair on October 8 and if so, what the cost should be for purchase. Members agreed by consensus that the new publication should be \$5.00 each. Ms. Griffin will be selling the notecards at the Church Street Arts and Crafts Fair on October 8, 2016.

5. **Other Business**

Chairman DePaolo put forth an idea for temporary benches based on a concept from Tinley Park, Illinois. A theme is agreed upon annually and the benches are placed in the park area. For a similar project to happen in Waynesville, it may be that the benches are placed near the Recreation Center as part of the planned Arboretum. The group agreed that this may be a concept to consider for the future to promote more community involvement in public art.

Ms. Owens informed members that she would not be in attendance at the next meeting due to a scheduling conflict and that Brittany Buchanan would be taking the minutes.

6. **Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. League made a motion; seconded by Ms. Feichter to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Amie Owens, Staff/Secretary

Dominick DePaolo, Chairman

The next Public Art Commission meeting: **Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.**