



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MINUTES-SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MARCH 18TH, 2024
MONDAY, 4:00PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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.

Present:

Chairman George Kenney
Vicki Mangieri
Steve Lloyd
Douglas Garrett
Skip Middleton
Ashten McKinney
Tonya Harwood

Absent:

CJ Deering
Ginny Moe

Staff Present:

Jesse Fowler, Assistant Town Manager
Candace Poolton, Town Clerk

Others in Attendance:

Jerel Tavares and Miguel Perez-Western Carolina University students

Before the meeting was called to order, Tonya Harwood was sworn in by the town clerk.

Chairman George Kenney welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

1. Approve minutes from the February 8th, 15th, and 16th meetings.

A motion was made by Steve Lloyd, seconded by Doug Garrett, to approve the February 8th, 15th, and 16th 2024 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman George introduced Jerel Tavares and Miguel Perez, two students from WCU. He explained that they were here to interview for the assistant mural installation positions for the Pigeon Community Center mural.

Chairman George gave an update on the T-Mobile grant; he said they were denied a third time, so he met with the local T-Mobile manager to discuss what can be done to make the application more attractive to them. He said the manager seemed excited about the Commission's application. Chairman George said that having the Pigeon Community Center mural process underway should make the application more appealing as well. He added that the application is due at the end of the month and the Commission should know if they were awarded the money or not by mid-May.

2. Fundraiser Dinner Discussion

Chairman George said the WPAC still needs to raise \$12,000 for the Pigeon Community Center mural. He suggested doing a fundraiser dinner on May 22nd, from 2-10pm at the First United Methodist Church located on Main Street. Ashten recommended having music and a possible sponsor to help provide food. Ashten asked Tonya if she would be able to use the Haywood Arts Council network of donors to help promote the fundraiser. Doug asked how much tickets should be sold for. Tonya said the Pigeon Center sells their soul food fundraiser tickets for \$15. Chairman George said that tickets could be sold online and in person in advance for \$15 and \$18 at the door. Tonya recommended adding a donate button on the website so that people can make additional donations. Ashten offered to donate a large painting to be auctioned at the fundraiser. Candace, Jesse, Ashten, Vicki, and Tonya volunteered to form a subcommittee to help plan this event.

3. Pigeon Community Art Installation Logistics

Chairman George outlined the mural schedule:

April 10th: Community listening session at the Pigeon Community Center. 4pm is the children's session, 6pm is the adult's session. Chairman George recommended we provide light refreshments.

April 23rd: At 4pm, Kristy McCarthy will present her final concept to board members of the Pigeon Community Center and WPAC members at a special called WPAC meeting. WPAC members will vote to recommend the final concept to Town Council. At their meeting that same day at 6pm, Council will vote to approve the final concept.

June 22nd: Community Painting Party

The week of June 24th: Installation of the mural will take place over a period of four to five days.

4. Fly Fishing Hat Design

Skip presented a rough draft of a fly fishing design to be used on hats (embroidered) and stickers. The design features "Gateway to the Smokies" written above the fly fisherman. Skip said the back of the hat would say "Waynesville, NC". Chairman George requested that Jesse move forward with purchasing 50 hats at \$15-\$20 each once the design is finalized. Skip said the hats could sell for \$30 and requested that they get designed and purchased before April 20th.

5. Appalachian Heritage Festival

Candace said she met with Beth Gilmore, DWC Director and Appalachian Heritage Festival event coordinator. They agreed that it would be most beneficial to have the WPAC stationed in front of the mountain lion sculpture selling shirts and books and acting as docents. Doug and Candace volunteered to work the first shift, 10am-1pm and George and another volunteer (Skip offered to find one) will work the 1pm-4pm shift. The event is Saturday, April 20th. Skip requested that Jesse figure out a way for the volunteers to take credit cards for hat and shirt sales.

6. Other Business

No other business reported.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Skip Middleton made a motion, seconded by Vicki Mangieri, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

Candace Poolton, Town Clerk

Chairman George Kenney