



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION  
MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2024  
THURSDAY, 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:**

Tonya Harwood  
Chairman George Kenney  
Mark James  
Steve Lloyd  
Ginny Moe  
Douglas Garrett  
Kathy Swingley

**Absent:**

CJ Deering  
Vicki Mangieri

**Staff Present:**

Jesse Fowler, Assistant Town Manager

Chairman George Kenney welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:05pm and introduced Kathy Swingley, the newest WPAC member.

**1. Approval of the October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes**

***A motion was made by Steve Lloyd, seconded by Tonya Harwood, to approve the October 10, 2024 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.***

**2. Apple Festival Re-Cap**

Chairman George reported that the Commission made \$675 selling t-shirts. He said they were on the corner in front of the Kitchen Store, which was great exposure. Steve added they were busy all day.

**3. WPAC T-shirt Discussion**

Chairman George said the WPAC needs to order more shirts. He said the tie-dye Music Men shirts are popular. He suggested working on a new shirt design with the Gateway to the Smokies arch on it. Steve said the fisherman shirts are not selling well. Kathy asked if the WPAC could order some long sleeve shirts and small and medium sizes. Chairman George said they could ask for the printer to throw some long sleeve shirts in. He suggested they give the rest of the Plott Hound shirts to the Blue Ridge Bookstore. Jesse said that White Fox designed the Music Men shirt. Tonya said she will reach out to an artist she knows that could design the line art of the archway for a t-shirt. Mark suggested picking just a few colors. Jesse said that tie-dye sells very well. Ginny suggested just getting a few types of tie-dye. Doug pointed out that long sleeves are more expensive to make, but WPAC has been selling them for the same price as short sleeves. The WPAC discussed selling shirts at Art After Dark starting in April.

#### **4. Chefs On Fire 2025**

Chairman George reported that he visited the outdoor courtyard behind Frog Level Brewery. He said they discussed possibly having Chefs On Fire in this space, and having a couple of tents, barbecue food trucks/smokers, a stage with a band, and having Frog Level serve at the event and produce a special event just for the event. He said the event could be anytime between June and September if they decide on this venue. Jesse suggested wristbands at the door. Tonya asked about weather affecting the event. Chairman George said we could get large tents or plan a rain date. Mark suggested the space near where the arch mural will go. Chairman George said they want to get Frog Level involved, and that space is smaller. He said the town has a stage, chairs and tables that can be used for free, which means there is much less overhead for this event.

#### **5. Other Business**

Chairman George said that he met with Becky at the Mountaineer. He said WPAC needs to add the cougar sculpture, the Pigeon mural, the Folkmoot sculpture relocation, and remove the jellyfish from the website. He said the map would need to be updated, an illustrated and electronic, on the website. He said they would like to improve the home page of the website as well. Chairman George said it would cost \$3500 to do all the changes, which doesn't include the illustrated map. He said he would like to chat with Tonya about finding an artist that could match the style of the illustrated map. He said the audio files would have to be added as well for the new pieces.

*There being no further business to discuss, Doug Garrett made a motion, seconded by Steve Lloyd, to approve spending \$3500 for updating the website. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### **6. Adjourn**

*There being no further business to discuss, Ginny Moe made a motion, seconded by Steve Lloyd, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.*

ATTEST:

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Candace Poolton, Town Clerk

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Chairman George Kenney