



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION  
MINUTES-SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 16<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  
Douglas Garrett  
Kathy Swingley  
CJ Deering  
Vicki Mangieri

**Absent:**

Ginny Moe

**Staff Present:**

Candace Poolton, Town Clerk

Chairman George Kenney welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

**1. Approval of the November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes**

***A motion was made by CJ Deering, seconded by Tonya Harwood, to approve the November 14, 2024 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.***

***A motion was made by Steve Lloyd, seconded by CJ Deering, to move the official meeting location to the Mezzanine at 9 South Main Street, Waynesville, until the Finance Department renovations are complete. The motion passed unanimously.***

**2. Website Revisions**

Chairman George reported that he has been working with Becky at the Mountaineer to update the Public Art Booklet and website. He said the changes included:

- Remove the jellyfish sculpture

- Add the Cougar sculpture and Pigeon mural
- Update the location for the Folkmoot sculpture
- Update the audio on the website
- Update the hand-drawn map

Tonya offered to look for an artist that could replicate the current hand drawn map on the public art website. There was discussion about including the Main Street Arch and the Folkmoot Sundial in the Public Art book, not necessarily as art commissioned by the WPAC, but just to give artwork in town a spotlight. Steve recommended placing the sundial and arch in the back of the book and use the phrase, “Commissioned By: \_\_\_\_\_”. Candace said she would work with Jesse about communicating with the contributors of the arch to see if that’s something they would be interested in.

*A motion was made by Vicki Mangieri, seconded by Doug Garrett, to recommend to pursue placing the Folkmoot Sundial and the Main Street Arch into the WPAC booklet. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **3. Fundraising for Main Street Mural**

Chairman George said he applied for another T-Mobile grant, and also included five letters of support from stakeholders. He said they have raised \$10,000 so far, but need an additional \$25,000 to go for the mural. He added that he has a follow up meeting with Theresa Pennington this evening, and should hear back about the T-Mobile grant in a week or so.

### **4. T-Shirt Order**

Chairman George recommended ordering an additional 100 shirts before event season begins. The Commission agreed that the Music Men design and long sleeves sell well, as do the tie dye colors. Vicki recommended ordering smaller sizes as well. Kathy requested that staff look into the cost difference of the cotton shirts versus “dri-fit”, as well as long sleeve versus short sleeve cost. Kathy asked the purpose of selling shirts and Chairman George said it’s more for public relations and bringing awareness to the WPAC, but it is also a fundraising tool. Tonya volunteered to look into a grant for 4Imprint that could help pay for the shirts or other logoed “swag”.

Doug recommended having a shirt with a new design that included our wild animal sculptures. The Commission requested that Tonya look into finding a line artist that could design a shirt that would feature the cougar, fox, bears, and salamander sculptures under the “Gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains” arch.

*A motion was made by Steve Lloyd, seconded by Tonya Harwood, to have staff order a variety of colors and sizes of the Music Men shirts, including tie dye and long sleeves. The motion passed unanimously.*

## 5. Other Business

Chairman George said that Tonya (Haywood Arts Council) has been working with Eva Hansen (Kiwanis) to apply for a grant to pay for public art in the new roundabout in front the Water'n Hole. Kathy recommended something organic so it's not distracting to drivers. George said the role of the WPAC is to help with the artist selection, not fundraising. Candace expressed concern about the NCDOT allowing the town to have an easement there, and the town committing to maintaining the space in perpetuity. Tonya said the grant is due in 6 weeks. Kathy recommended installing something low maintenance around the art piece, such as brick.

***A motion was made by Doug Garrett, seconded by CJ Deering, to partner with Kiwanis on selecting art for the roundabout, should the Arts Council receive the grant. The motion passed unanimously.***

Candace shared that Mark Boyd has not gotten back to her about using the courtyard behind frog level for Chefs on Fire. Chairman George requested that she continue to try to make contact until the next WPAC meeting, and then if they haven't heard back, they will pursue other options. Tonya recommended the Shelton House barn and yard, and Doug recommended the field behind Folkmoot, and Steve recommended Hart theatre property where WPAC has held the dog show in years past.

Steve shared that Libba Feichter, founder of HART Theatre and previous WPAC Commissioner had passed away the previous week. Commissioners shared heartfelt stories of the positive impacts Libba had on the Waynesville community.

## 6. Adjourn

***There being no further business to discuss, Vicki Mangieri made a motion, seconded by Steve Lloyd, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.***

ATTEST:

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Candace Poolton, Town Clerk

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Chairman George Kenney