



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MINUTES-SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 1st, 2025
TUESDAY, 4:00PM
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.

Present:

Chairman George Kenney
Mark James
Tonya Harwood
Steve Lloyd
Ginny Moe
Doug Garrett

Absent:

Kathy Swingley
CJ Deering

Staff Present:

Jesse Fowler, Assistant Town Manager
Candace Poolton, Town Clerk

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

1. Second Presentation of Impact U Flood Memorial Public Art Piece Proposal

• Josie Ostendorff and Breanne Haynes

Josie and Breanne presented design updates. They described the art piece as being a pentagonal bipyramid with cohesive imagery wrapping on all five sides. They said the piece will be made out of stainless steel, be laser cut, and eight feet tall, 4.25 feet at its widest point, and two feet across at the base. They outlined preliminary design has having a brick walkway leading up to and around the art piece with a dry river and landscaping surrounding the sculpture. Ginny asked how much they think the project will cost. Josie said the goal is to raise \$20,000 for the sculpture and to secure grants, donations, and in-kind donations to assist with the rest of the project. She said they are hoping to have assistance from the Waynesville Public Works Department for the installation and maintenance portion of the project. Jesse said that should not be a problem. Mark suggested

that Josie and Breanne look more into the lighting of the sculpture. Jesse said he will look into lighting ordinances and get back with them so they can determine the best way to light the art piece. There was discussion about drainage of rain from inside the art piece and out. Josie and Breanne said there are drainage holes in the base of the sculpture.

A motion was made by Ginny Moe, seconded by Mark James, to recommend the approval of the Flood Memorial Public Art Piece design to Town Council. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of the June 12th, 2025 minutes

A motion was made by Tonya Harwood, seconded by Steve Lloyd, to approve the June 12, 2025 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. WPAC Vacancy

Chairman George announced that there is one vacancy on the WPAC. He requested that members help recruit people that have fundraising or event planning backgrounds. Candace reminded everyone that anyone can apply who lives in Haywood County, they don't have to live in Waynesville.

4. Chefs On Fire Update

Candace reported that Chefs planning is going well. She said contracts have been signed, and there is a strong possibility that the town will be able to do their own online ticket sales when marketing for the event goes live mid-July. Doug requested that everyone solicit donations for the auction and bring the items to Candace's offices.

5. Discussion of Letter of Approval for mural

Candace presented the letter of consent from Doug Worell, the owner of High Country Style. The letter stated that he would have final approval of the mural that go on the side of the building. Candace added that Doug seemed excited about the mural concept and saw no issues with approving the final design. The Commission recommended that Doug sits on the design review committee to have input throughout the mural process. Candace said she will reach out to him and invite him. George also requested that the cost of the preparation for the mural be put into the RFQ so artist would be responsible for the site prep.

6. Other Business

A motion was made by Doug Garrett seconded by Tonya Harwood , to cancel the July 10th regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Adjourn

A motion was made by Doug Garrett, seconded by Tonya Harwood , to adjourn the meeting at 4:54pm. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Candace Poolton, Town Clerk

Chairman George Kenney