



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2014
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:

Acting Chairman Jan Griffin
Micah McClure
Charles Mills
Dominick DePaolo
David Blevins

Also Present:

Amie Owens, Town Clerk

Absent:

Vice Chairman Diana Laursen
Sarah Jane League
RoAnne “Sug” Barnett
Ann Melton

Chairman Griffin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. following the establishment of quorum.

1. Minutes from the November 13, 2104 regular meeting

There was no discussion of nor corrections noted to the minutes.

Mr. Mills motioned to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2104 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. DePaolo seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer’s Report

Ms. League was unable to attend the meeting and a treasurer’s report will be provided at the January 8, 2015 meeting.

3. Hazelwood Art

a. Update on site request

Ms. Griffin noted that she had a meeting with Daryl Hannah, Streets and Sanitation Supervisor, immediately prior to the WPAC meeting regarding the parking lot in Hazelwood. Mr. Hannah noted that there were blueprints in process that would illustrate the changes to the parking area as well as the required walkway and cross-walk additions. It is possible that benches could still be utilized for art pieces. After brief discussion, it was agreed that until the blueprints were finalized and available, there was no real determining what area could be utilized for a new piece of public art. Ms. Griffin will follow up with Mr. Hannah to see when blueprints will be available.

b. Call for Artists

Ms. Griffin explained that the goal is to get the call for artists out in January 2015. Ms. Griffin asked members to be thinking about what historical information could be included in the packet. Mr. McClure offered to pull information about the Plott family and share with the group.

Mr. Blevins noted that until there is some resolution regarding the specific area that is available for a piece, the call for artists cannot be fully completed.

c. Fundraiser Update

Ms. Griffin reported that the following items would need to be finalized in advance of the fundraiser including:

- Contact the WNC Dog Fanciers to determine schedule for a Plott Hound show – Ms. Griffin noted that this would be something that Ms. Laursen and Kevin could pursue
- Contact the Fairgrounds to see when there is availability
- Confirmation with Bogart's that they can do the catering
- Cookies for the event – Ms. Griffin is checking with bakery for pricing

An additional suggestion was made by Mr. Blevins regarding “dog do” shampoo – possibly formulated by Ms. Laursen - to be sold at the event.

Ms. Griffin added that she has discussed with Jonathan Yates the possibility of his group providing the entertainment at the event.

Ms. Griffin asked members to be thinking of who could be approached to be on the community advisory board for this piece and compiling contact information.

4. Other Business

Request from Haywood Pathways Center

Ms. Griffin noted that she was approached by the Haywood Pathways Center regarding the possibility of the WPAC commissioning a piece to be at the new facility that helps to identify those who had supported the project. The group discussed this request and noted that at this time, the WPAC felt that it was not something that they could support. The reasons for this declination included – WPAC can only put works on public property, and this would be outside of the scope of the mission of the WPAC as this is not a public area. The group discussed providing the contact information for the Haywood County Arts Council and possibly Eric Solley at Tuscola.

***Following the meeting, Ms. Griffin sent the following information to the group – I spoke to Deb Isenberg from The Haywood Pathways Center Art project and explained to her why the WPAC could not do the Art piece for them. A gave her the contact information with the Haywood County Arts Council (Norretta Taylor) and Todd Frahm's information. Then I thought of Ted Dake in case they didn't want a stone/bronze statue, and gave her that info as well. Norretta will get in touch with Ms. Isenberg and discuss the further. I told her anything I could do to help later to let me know.*

LaFemme

Ms. Griffin noted that a suggestion of an alternative site for LaFemme had been received from Mr. Hannah. The site would be at the Old Armory. The group agreed that this would not provide the visibility that the site at Carolyn's Point would provide and chose to keep the voted upon and approved site. A suggestion was heard to begin the wordsmithing of the permanent plaque for LaFemme in advance of its placement so that the plaque could be installed at the same time as the piece. The piece should be installed by the first week in April 2015.

8. Adjourn

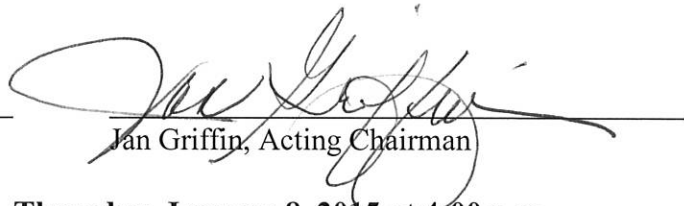
Chairman Griffin reminded members that decisions related to the call for artists would be made at the January meeting to ensure distribution in late-January and requested that all members make every effort to attend.

Chairman Griffin wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Griffin adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.



Amie Owens, Staff/Secretary



Jan Griffin, Acting Chairman

The next Public Art Commission meeting: **Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.**