



AGENDA: REGULAR MEETING

February 14, 2019
Thursday, 4:00 p.m.
9 South Main Street
Waynesville, NC 28786

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.

Call to Order – Chairman George Kenney

Announcements/Introductions

- 1) Minutes from the January 10, 2019 regular meeting
- 2) Treasurer's Report – Sarah Jane League
- 3) Vacancies on the WPAC:
 - a. Swearing in of Ms. Leigh Forrester
 - b. Candidate application: Ms. Mel Bennett
- 4) Walking Tour Booklet and website – continued discussion
- 5) Adjourn

The next Public Art Commission meeting: **Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.**



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WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2019
THURSDAY, 4:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM

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:

Chairman George Kenney
Ann Melton
Nick DePaolo
Steve Lloyd
Libba Feichter

Also Present:

Jesse Fowler, Planner
Chelle Baker, Administrative Assistant
Becky Johnson, The Mountaineer

Absent:

Treasurer Sarah Jane League
Douglas Garrett

Chairman George Kenney called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m and welcomed Leigh Forrester.

1. Minutes from the August 16th regular meeting

Mr. Nick DePaolo made a motion, seconded by Ms. Libba Feichter to accept the September 13th, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer’s Report – Sarah Jane League

Ms. Sarah Jane League was absent and will follow up with the treasurer report.

3. Discussion of Walking Tour Booklet

Chairman George Kenney welcomed Becky Johnson from the Mountaineer to speak. Ms. Johnson presented a proposal to publish the Walking Tour Booklet using resources from The Mountaineer and a possible TDA (Tourism Development Authority) grant. Ms. Johnson reviewed the TDA grant process with the Commission and how this would apply to the Walking Tour Booklet project and also the possibility of adding a digital and website component to go with it. The Commission discussed different ideas and possibilities of

what the project would look like in booklet and digital format. Ms. Melton stated the importance of educating Haywood County and the tourists. The Commission discussed options such as utilizing The Mountaineer for the booklet with PAC funds and then selling the booklet. They discussed also applying for the TDA grant for the online component to develop the website and walking audio tour.

Ms. Ann Melton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Libba Feichter to move forward with a grant for a website and an audio walking tour to promote the art pieces in Waynesville. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Plott Hound T-Shirts

The Commission agreed to contact additional Main Street and downtown Hazelwood businesses to sell the Plott Hound T-Shirts. Mr. Lloyd suggested Hazelwood Farmacy and Ms. Melton suggested Hazelwood Soap Company as a couple of Hazelwood businesses.

5. North Carolina Main Street Center Recognition

The Commission discussed the framing of the 2016 NC Main Street recognition award and medal. Ms. Libba Feichter advised framing the award and medal together. Ms. Leigh Forrester suggested The Village Framer. Chairman George Kenney suggested hanging it in the Town Hall building.

Mr. Steve Lloyd made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nick DePaolo to frame the 2016 NC Main Street recognition award and medal. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Other Business

Chairman Kenney advised that there was a nomination of Ms. Leigh Forrester for the Waynesville Public Arts Commission.

Ms. Libba Feichter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nick DePaolo to recommend Ms. Leigh Forrester to the Board of Aldermen. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed that there was one vacancy left. Ms. Leigh Forrester volunteered to speak with Mel Bennett, who does metal sculptures, and see if she was interested.

Mr. Jesse Fowler gave an update on the Frog Level Art piece that was previously offered for sale. He advised that they had been contacted back with a polite no.

Chairman Kenney advised it was time to elect a Vice-Chairman.

Ms. Ann Melton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Libba Feichter to elect Mr. Nick DePaolo as Vice-Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nick DePaolo accepted the Vice-Chair to the Waynesville Public Arts Commission.

The meeting schedule for 2019 was presented to the Commission and there were no noted conflicts.

7. **Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Nick DePaolo made a motion, seconded by Ms. Libba Feichter to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Chelle Baker, Administrative Assistant

Chairman George Kenney

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I am interested in serving on this board or commission because:

As an artistic member of the community, it is important to me that the installations brought to the public and the town of Waynesville properly represent the areas unique culture. I want to take part in helping the public to engage with and appreciate the art around them, while providing an experience that compliments Waynesville and its history.

I have experience/expertise in the following areas and/or have served on the following board or commission:

I am a contributing member and sculptural artist of Haywood County. I attended the Savannah College of Art and Design where I received my bachelors degree in communication art with a minor in sculpture. This experience provides me with a formal background and understanding of how influential art can be in helping to promote a positive culture within a local community.

I feel that I can contribute the following to this board or commission by:

I can offer unique insight, opinions and questions to the board. I am familiar with sculptural work and feel that my knowledge and understanding of the subject will provide helpful feedback. I am enthusiastic about Waynesville as well as the arts and am excited to be a part of bringing them together.

Tell us about yourself and your background:

Originally from Asheville, I moved to Canton after completing my degree in communication arts with a minor in sculpture from the Savannah College of Art and Design. I have been an active member in the Haywood County Arts council and have enjoyed participating in various shows as well as meeting and getting to know others affiliated with the arts, locally. I am a sculptural artist working primarily with steel and wood. I live on a small farm with my wife where I work and find inspiration around me.

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TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Application for Appointment to Boards/Commissions

Please return to the Town Clerk's office.

16 South Main Street, P.O. Box 100, Waynesville, NC 28786

(828) 452-2491

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Additional Pages and/or a resume may be attached but is not required

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Please consider me for appointment to the following board(s) or commission(s):

- Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
Community Action Forum
Board of Adjustment
Firemen's Relief Fund Board
Historic Preservation Commission
Planning Board
Public Art Commission
Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission
Waynesville Housing Authority
1% Zip Code Subcommittee (TDA)

I am interested in serving on this board or commission because:

I have experience/expertise in the following areas and/or have served on the following board or commission:

I feel that I can contribute the following to this board or commission

Tell us about yourself and your background:

If a vacancy exists and I qualify for appointment, I will be contacted for my permission to the appointment. If I am chosen, I will faithfully execute my duty on the selected board or commission.

Mel Bennett (handwritten signature)

Signature _____ Date _____