



**AGENDA: Regular
Scheduled Meeting**
April 13, 2023
Thursday, 4:00 p.m.
16 S. Main Street

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

1. Minutes from the March 9, 2023 regular meeting
2. Pigeon Community Center Meeting Debrief
3. Grant Applications
4. Other business
5. Adjourn

The next Public Art Commission meeting: May 11, 2023



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MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9TH, 2023
THURSDAY, 4:00PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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Present:

Chairman George Kenney
Vicki Mangieri
Steve Lloyd
Douglas Garrett
Ashten McKinney

Absent:

Morgan Beryl
Skip Middleton
Sam McCarson
James Cuellar

Staff Present:

Jesse Fowler, Assistant Town Manager
Candace Poolton, Town Clerk

Chairman George Kenney welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1. Minutes from the February 9, 2023 Regular Meeting

Steve Lloyd made a motion, seconded by Doug Garrett to accept the February 9, 2023 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Downtown Waynesville Commission Mural

Assistant Town Manager Jesse Fowler reported that the Downtown Waynesville Commission will be installing a mural in Feichter alleyway, and they would like the opinion of the Public Arts Commission on the proposed mural concept. Fowler showed the Commission Members a concept that looked like historical photos of people and places in Town. The photos were arranged in a way so that as a person walked through the alleyway, the mural presented as a “walk through time”- meaning that the photos featured people and places, past to present. The Commission discussed

which material would be best for the mural. Vicki Magieri suggested that the DWC take into account durability, upkeep, and cost of the materials. Ashten McKinney suggested that the mural could look like a film negative strip, the outside of the film strip being constructed of metal, and the photo part of the negative being removable panels that could be switched out with different photos. McKinney suggested that the “present day” photo panel could be a place where the Town could advertise local events. The Commission agreed with McKinney’s ideas. Fowler will present that idea to the DWC.

3. Grant Opportunities

After reviewing several grants (Inclusive Public Art Initiative, Grants for Art Projects, Haywood County TDA 1% Grant, and T-Mobile Hometown Grant), the Commission agreed to move forward with applying to the T-Mobile Grant, and possibly the TDA Grant. Town Clerk Candace Poolton said that the size of the other grants would require a lot of staff time. She mentioned the Town may hire a grant administrator that could assist with applying for larger grants in the future, but at this time, it’s too much time and work. Fowler added that the T-Mobile grant can be applied to quarterly and doesn’t take too much time to apply. He said that the TDA Grant could be applied to next year, and that money could be spent on an event, such as an artwork unveiling.

Chairman George Kenney said he would apply to the T-Mobile grant on behalf of the WPAC. Steve Lloyd suggested that staff look into the Anna Hodgin Haynes Grant.

4. Pigeon Community Center Meeting with NAACP

Fowler said that he hasn’t heard anything from Pigeon Community Center (PCC) about the NAACP meeting, so it’s fair to assume it’s not happening. Chairman Kenney recommended that the Commission touch base with PCC and loop them in about the WPAC’s process on commissioning artwork. Fowler recommended that WPAC cancels the April 13th meeting, and instead, goes to PCC to remind them of the theme they chose for the art piece, and the process WPAC must go through before selecting an artist. Lloyd mentioned that he met one of PCC’s board members (owner of Blue Ridge Books) at the Soul Food fundraiser, and she offered to help WPAC in any capacity needed, including selling t-shirts.

5. Other Business

Fowler said the upcoming Board of Aldermen meeting was cancelled, so he will suggest to the Board the removal of WPAC member Sam McCarson due to repeated absences at the March 28th meeting.

Mangieri presented some events that WPAC members could table at and sell t-shirts. After much discussion, the Commission members agreed that tabling at the Flea Market was the best use of their time. Fowler will call them to see if there are any open booths in the coming months.

Fowler reported that he discussed with the Finance Director about the possibility of WPAC being able to take credit cards for t-shirts. She said that she is working on finding out if that will be a possibility after the Munis updates.

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 4:58 p.m.

Action Items:

- **Chairman Kenney will apply to the T-Mobile grant**
- **Assistant Town Manager Fowler will call the Flea Market organizers to get WPAC a booth.**
- **Chairman Kenney offered to go to PCC on April 13th to present. We still need two or three Commission Members to join him.**

Candace Poolton, Town Clerk

Chairman George Kenney