



REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2011
THURSDAY, 4:00 PM
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.

The Public Art Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2011. Members present: Chairman Jan Griffin, Vice-Chairman Ed Kelley, Treasurer Sarah Jane League, Sylvia Everett, Bill King, David Blevins, Charles Mills, and Ann Melton. Absent: Diana Laursen. Also present: Town Manager Assistant Alison Melnikova, and Secretary Ginny Boyer.

Approval of Minutes, September 8, 2011

Ann moved to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2011 meeting. Sarah Jane seconded and all were in favor. The minutes of the September 8, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report—Sarah Jane League

Sarah Jane reported a balance of \$24,644.73, with activity including a check to A to Z Signs. Members were forwarded an itemized breakdown prior to the meeting. There was a motion by Sylvia to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; this was seconded by Charles. Unanimously, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

Report on Signage—Bill King

Bill King reported that plaques have been ordered and full payment made. An email was received from A to Z Signs that they are to arrive by next Thursday. Alison Melnikova will send Town staff with a truck to collect the plaques and mounting hardware. Jan Griffin thanked Bill for his wonderful job on this project.

Report on Arch for Mini-Park—Ed Kelley and Dave Blevins

Ed gave a power point presentation complete with mock-ups of the proposed arch from various angles with proportional representation and proposed dimensions. The artistic element of mountains can be changed. Black was used for demonstration purposes, but color options can be discussed. The font "arial" was used for demonstration purposes, but font options can be discussed as well. It is unclear what will be available in regard to fonts and sizes if cut-outs are chosen; that can follow getting bids for construction as long as those doing the work know they will be applying the letters.

Bill asked who will be bid on the project to which Ed replied metal workers. The mountains on top are the only artistic element which is a simple addition to tie in the existing railing. Sylvia asked if we have the names of metal workers. Ed said yes, local ones here and in Asheville.

Ed said he would contact Martin Carter to discuss the design, logistics and stability of the sign. Assuming the arch will be made of heavy gauged steel, it could be that a rib needs to be added along the

bottom. Instead of one big piece of welded metal that must be moved and set into place, the arch could be set in uprights then bolted together. The sign could be made a spline to fit into the uprights. This system would facilitate both future maintenance and access to the park.

Ed plans to research what is available as far as lettering. Jan asked if he plans to have the lettering brought before the committee. Ed agreed to have font and letter styles brought before the committee. He also mentioned making contact with Public Works Director Fred Baker.

Alison Melnikova said Alderman Libba Feichter inquired if there would be a plaque on sight with an image of the original sign.

Time line for Mini-Park Projects—Jan Griffin

Jan reported a Tuesday meeting with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen where it did not take long to approve the arch. The Town will pay to move the wall, kiosk and trash barrels. The board was thrilled with the plan and thought the Public Art Commission did a wonderful job. They agreed the arch will suit the Town, the people and the place.

With the recent article in the Smoky Mountain News, Jan said it is time to get the fundraising letter out. She plans to email the list of fundraising letter recipients to Ginny.

Jan mentioned the Aldermen being happy about the panels for the third and final piece scheduled for late 2012 or early 2013.

Jan thanked David Blevins and Ed Kelley for their magnificent job. She said she is very proud of both gentlemen for what took time, talent, energy and effort.

Jan asked that members stop into Smoky Mountain News and thank Becky Johnson for her recent coverage of the project.

Chairman Griffin thanked members of the commission for their patience. She commended members for their excellent minds that worked well together coming out with a beautiful project.

Dave mentioned Chairman Griffin's and Mr. Kelley's great job at the recent Board of Aldermen meeting.

Art for Town Hall/Police/Planning Department Building—Sylvia Everett

Sylvia reported the artwork is currently in place and she is very happy with the outcome. The selections chosen were great.

Adjournment

Jan adjourned the meeting.

Chairman Jan Griffin

Secretary Ginny Boyer