



REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 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, November 10, 2011. Members present: Chairman Jan Griffin, Vice-Chairman Ed Kelly, Treasurer Sarah Jane League, Bill King, David Blevins, Charles Mills, Ann Melton, and Diana Laursen. Also present: Town Manager Assistant Alison Melnikova and Secretary Ginny Boyer. Absent: Sylvia Everett.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm after members had a chance to look at recently purchased plaques (with details of art pieces) in the upstairs lobby.

Approval of Minutes

Ed Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2011 regular meeting. Ann Melton seconded and all were in favor. The minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Sarah Jane League reported an account balance of \$25,234.74. The PAC has received \$600.00 in donations for arch project as of the end of October. Overall inflow: \$5,850.00 for donations. Outflows: \$3,304.21 which include scrapbook and payment for signs (detailing artwork). A \$200.00 balance with Jonathan Yates was discussed, \$50.00 having already been spent for bulbs (mini-park).

Ed Kelley motioned to approved; there was a second by Charles Mills. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved as presented.

Arch Project Update

Ed Kelley reported that he, David Blevins, Jan Griffin, and Martin Carter got together and firmed up detailed specifications for the arch project to be ready for the bid process: As for the arch and panels, two pieces of metal will be used and for contrast between panels, brushed aluminum or white powder coat will be used. Connections have been discussed, as well as using a textured "crinkle powder" coat. Finials were discussed, not to be fabricated by the artist or for decorative purposes, but to seal the openings. It was decided that concrete piers would be best for a platform to be bolted upon. Also, when the panels go together, there should be spacers in between. Jan Griffin and Ed Kelley agreed the PAC needs to discuss installation with Mr. Baker.

Ed said he will draw this out to scale to present to people who will be bidding. Dave mentioned a pre-bid meeting being mandatory for those who wish to bid on the project. Joe's Welding and Power Tech are the only two companies that do this type of work. Ed said he has the measurements, will tweak the dimensions, have a meeting with those interested in bidding, then give them ten days or two weeks for a bid.

Jan Griffin said she is proud of Ed; he has made this easy for the committee. And thank you to Dave Blevins for a great job.

Plaques—Placement at Art Pieces

Jan Griffin thanked Bill King for his dedication to the plaques. It was decided that Bill King and Alison Melnikova would work together to discuss placement. It was decided that the paver plaque would be best on the wall, not placed in the pavers themselves. Bill asked if the plaques were covered by insurance, to which Alison Melnikova replied yes.

Employee Appreciation Luncheon

Members were reminded of the Employee Appreciation Luncheon, scheduled for December 2, 2011 and to bring items to donate to the food drive for the chance to win a prize.

Chairman Griffin's Report

Fundraising: Jan Griffin reported having received \$900.00 since the fundraising letter was sent and she is pleased with that. Thirty more fundraising letters were sent yesterday, so there will be another wave. Dave asked if Friends of the Smokies had been contacted yet. Alison Melnikova said she did not get a response, but will follow up with Holly Demuth. Bill asked what the anticipated cost for the arch project might be. Ed said we can't know until we get the bids, but a guess would be \$5,000.00 -- \$6,000.00. Ann Melton mentioned Henry Foy being really excited with the arch project. Alison Melnikova mentioned sharing the fundraising list with the entire commission so members can try to think of others they may want to include.

Shady Ladies Quilt: Jan Griffin said Town Manager Lee Galloway said the quilt display in Town Hall has gotten a lot of positive response from the Town. Bill mentioned being surprised a dollar amount is displayed. Jan said the PAC agreed to it, and we had to go through Shady Ladies.

Wall Piece for Mini-Park

Members agreed it is not too early to have light discussion about the wall piece at the December meeting, but "heavy stuff" will come after the PAC has a signed contract for the arch.

Folkmoot Art Piece

Dave Blevins said Wayne Trapp, the sculptor of the Folkmoot art piece is internationally known, having created many municipal art pieces. The piece currently located outside Town Hall/Police

Department is a contemporary, unique and, due to its location, underappreciated. He suggested appealing to the Town to move it. He asked that the plaque not be placed until a decision has been made. Dave would like to see it brought closer to street level. A fence could be placed around it for its protection. Dave mentioned reciting it in front of the Municipal Building, in the triangular space where there is currently a tree. This would serve to pull foot traffic to this part of Main Street.

Alison Melnikova, in agreement that it may be underappreciated at its current location, adding that the sight for the Folkmoot sculpture was selected before the building was complete, making it difficult to get a feel for the space. She also reminded the Commission of the Re-siting Policy. A list of town-owned property will be sent to Commission members. This should be helpful in deciding on a future location, should it be recited.

Bill King thanked Chairman Jan Griffin for answering the political advertisement; he appreciated the positive article in the Smoky Mountain News. Jan said the coverage was a combination effort with Mayor Gavin Brown, Phil Ann Medford and Kaaren Stoner all contributing along with her. She also mentioned her appreciation to Scott McLeod for explaining what was wrong with the political ad.

Adjournment

The meeting of the Public Art Commission adjourned at 4:49 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8 at 4 pm.

Ginny Boyer, Secretary

Jan Griffin, Chairman