



REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2012
THURSDAY, 4 PM
TOWN HALL

Mission Statement: The mission of the 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 Waynesville Public Art Commission held a regular meeting on February 9, 2012 at 4 pm. Members present: Chairman Jan Griffin, Vice-Chairman Ed Kelley, Treasurer Sarah Jane League, Charles Mills, Diana Laursen, David Blevins, Sylvia Everett and Bill King. Also present: Secretary Ginny Boyer. Absent: Ann Melton.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03.

Approval of Minutes

One correction was made to the minutes of January 12, 2012. Under Approval of Minutes, *Bill King* made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2012 meeting; *David Blevins* seconded and all were in favor. With no further corrections, Sylvia Everett made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2012; Sarah-Jane seconded and all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Sarah Jane League reported the balance as of January, 2012: \$27,024.73. There were no outflow expenses for January. The additional arch project contributions totaled \$425 for January. Ed Kelley made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; Charles Mills seconded and all were in favor.

Arch Project—Ed Kelley

Ed Kelley sent his design and specs to Paul Fama, professional engineer with Sutton-Kennerly & Associates. Mr. Fama was very prompt, marking additions specifically for building of the piers which is what is needed for the installation in the ground. Mr. Fama's additions were sent to Mr. Fred Baker, P.E., Public Works Director, who said they were excellent.

Ed Kelley plans to meet with Mr. Daryl Hannah, Streets & Sanitation Superintendent, hopefully in the next week, to discuss the difference in elevation which will determine the length of the uprights, after which point the design and specs can be sent off for bids. There are three people the Public Art Commission will ask to bid on this project. Members discussed the need to solicit three bids, and even if there comes back an answer "no", the three solicited bids requirement will have been met.

Ed Kelley mentioned the possibility of an artist asking for something up front. David Blevins answered that depends on how the contract is drawn up, on what the quote specifies.

Celebrating Folkmoot Re-Siting

David Blevins gave a brief overview of discussions relating to re-siting the sculpture: The Commission recommended moving Celebrating Folkmoot to the Municipal Building. Both he and Chairman Griffin met with Mayor Brown prior to presenting the recommendation to the Board of Aldermen. Mayor Brown indicated he had difficulty with that sight because of its conflict with the historical image of the old town hall. Commission members were asked to look for a location that may be suitable.

Town Manager Galloway suggested the north end of Main Street, referred to as “five points”, site of the old fountain, where there is now a small park with a central tree surrounded by circular pavers and attractive benches. Mr. Blevins agreed this would make a great place for a piece of sculpture, but not necessarily this piece due to its fragility.

Mayor Brown mentioned the Baptist Church possibly allowing the use of one or two parking spaces in its parking lot that may be suitable for accommodating the sculpture’s re-siting. Mr. Blevins then distributed plans, specifically for the parking lot across the street from the Baptist Church and the sidewalk area beside the Martin Building to show Commission members what is currently in place, and how the inclusion of one to two parking spaces would allow for the sculpture’s re-siting in an urban park.

Sylvia Everett asked Mr. Blevins why he feels the location beside the Martin Building is better than where it is currently located. She said she likes it where it is and has heard positive comments about its placement, such as, only in Waynesville would you have a sculpture at the police department. Mr. Blevins said he considers it to be too high where it is now, people don’t see it and it is underappreciated. Mr. Kelley said the sculpture is three dimensional and wonders if we are getting as much out of it as we could a public art piece. David Blevins mentioned what was a safety issue is no longer a concern: the whirligigs that once detached from the sculpture are no longer in danger of coming off in the wind, according to Director of Public Works, Fred Baker.

David Blevins and Jan Griffin both mentioned the Police Department complaining about the light reflecting off of the sculpture into both dispatch and the Police Chief’s office. Not only is it a distraction, but the light reflecting off the sculpture sometimes blinds the dispatcher so those approaching the dispatch window cannot be seen. The dispatcher sometimes has to pull the window screen down, giving the appearance of no one being available at the window.

Sylvia Everett also mentioned the site at the municipal building still being a viable one, although she feels the space is small. As for the mixing of old and new, she said that is far more interesting than having it pure.

After much discussion, Sylvia Everett made a motion the Public Art Commission pursue moving “Celebrating Folkmoot” to the location David Blevins has proposed (*sidewalk area outside First*

Baptist Church parking lot, beside Martin Building) and that includes talking with First Baptist Church and the Town to get their approval to do that. Ed Kelley seconded.

David Blevins mentioned the Town would need to move it, change sidewalk and put lights in. Mr. Blevins said he will speak to Mayor Brown who will speak to former Mayor Henry Foy regarding use of parking spaces.

All were in favor. Motion approved.

PAC Budget Request and Letter

David Blevins moved, seconded by Sylvia Everett to approve the budget for 2012 as discussed by Chairman Griffin and Assistant Town Manager Alison Melnikova.

Hazelwood: Public Art and Community Awareness

Diana Laursen, representative of the Hazelwood merchants, feels it is important to have the Hazelwood merchants gather together to better understand the role of the Public Art Commission and how Hazelwood is part of their consideration in finding future sites for public art. Ms. Laursen plans to ask area merchants what would be a good time for them to attend a community awareness meeting. She will inform the Commission after she gets feedback.

Other Business

Chairman Griffin mentioned that Noretta Taylor, previous Public Art Commission Chairman, felt a mural, rather than another metal piece may be what is needed for the mini-park. Chairman Griffin already mentioned this to Mayor Brown who felt it was a favorable option.

Charles Mills made a motion to pursue looking at doing a two dimensional painted piece to be mounted on the wall for the mini-park. Sylvia seconded and all were in favor.

Chairman Griffin said we are now over \$3,000 in contributions for the arch project.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Griffin adjourned the meeting at 5:27. All were in favor.

Ginny Boyer, Secretary

Jan Griffin, Chairman