

WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART
COMMISSION MINUTES
JUNE 12, 2014
THURSDAY, 4 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.

Those present:

Chairman Ann Melton
Jan Griffin
Bill King (last meeting)
David Blevins
Charles Mills
Micah McClure
Dominick DePaolo

Also present:

Eric Sollie, Tuscola Masonry instructor
Amie Owens, Town Clerk
Marcy Onieal, Town Manager
Ginny Boyer, Secretary (last meeting as Secretary)

Absent:

Sarah Jane League
Vice-Chairman Diana Laursen

1. Minutes from the April 10, 2014 regular meeting

At the May 8, 2014 regular meeting there was no quorum, only discussion

Bill King made a motion to approve the April 10, 2014 minutes as presented; David Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

2. Treasurer's Report – Sarah Jane League

In Sarah Jane League's absence, the Treasurer's report will be an item for the July, 2014 agenda.

3. Annual Elections for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary

Ms. Melton asked if there were any nominations from the floor for Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary.

Jan Griffin made a motion to nominate current Chairman Ann Melton; Micah McClure seconded and all were in favor.

David Blevins made a motion to nominate current Vice-Chairman Diana Laursen; Charles Mills seconded and all were in favor.

Marcy Onieal recognized Amie Owens, Waynesville's Town Clerk and Project Specialist and announced reorganization and staffing changes: Amie Owens will now staff the Public Art Commission and take the minutes. Ginny Boyer has been assigned to staff and take minutes for Waynesville's Historic Preservation Commission. Andrew Bowen, former staff of Public Art Commission, has taken a job as Town Planner for Maggie Valley. Ms. Onieal thanked Ms. Boyer and Ms. Owens for their support of these commissions and assured those on the Public Art Commission they will find Ms. Owens both responsive and efficient.

4. Chasing Tadpoles report—Eric Sollie

Tuscola Masonry instructor Eric Sollie worked with twenty-two seniors (two separate classes) to construct a stone wall, now complete and based on the sketches from artist Bill Eleazer and Commissioner/ Artist Nick Depaolo. (Mr. Sollie went to school with commissioner Micah McClure, both in Mr. Eleazer's class).

Mr. Sollie's students had not worked with river rock before and learned a great deal with the hands-on experience. Commissioners expressed their thanks to Mr. Sollie and the students for their hard work.

5. Chasing Tadpoles—dedication/unveiling/event plans

Marcy Onieal announced the Frog Level Merchants Association has an August 2, 2014 event planned in Frog Level to celebrate Chasing Tadpoles. Since the bronze pieces are of children, the Frog Level community decided to have a child-centered event in conjunction with the Waynesville Recreation and Parks Department and Police Department to include: rafting in Richland Creek, tie-dye t-shirt making, face painting, chalk on the street, artist and food booths. Commerce Street will be closed to traffic for the event. The actual dedication is planned for 5:00 to 6:00 pm.

Commissioners discussed the possibility of selling t-shirts for the event, but no action was taken.

For the dedication, commissioners would like to see at the dedication: Eric Sollie and students, Bill Eleazer (bronze sculpture artist of the piece), Sandra Hayes (who first alerted the Town of Chasing Tadpoles' availability), Sharon Morgan (manager of Biltmore Square Mall), Daryl Hannah (Streets & Sanitation Superintendent), Tim Burress (owner of the Rock Man in Bethel who donated materials for the wall), Steve Atwood and members of the Medford Foundation.

Marcy Onieal said the Town is working toward getting the foot of one of the pieces repaired.

6. La Femme report—

No action was taken—Chasing Tadpoles will be completed first.

7. Mission Statement—Jan Griffin

No action taken

8. Other Business

Commissioners expressed the need for a temporary sign for the Chasing Tadpoles project to create anticipation and interest. Town staff will have a temporary sign for the site.

Lighting for Chasing Tadpoles was discussed. Town staff will consider possibilities to illuminate the piece.

9. Adjourn

Jan Griffin made a motion to adjourn; this was seconded by David Blevins who thanked Ms. Onieal for coming during a most busy time with I T and budget concerns.

Ginny Boyer, Secretary

Ann Melton, Chairman