



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2014  
THURSDAY, 4:00 P.M.  
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:

Vice Chairman Diana Laursen

Charles Mills

Dominick DePaolo

Sarah Jane League

Micah McClure

RoAnne “Sug” Barnett (new member)

Also Present:

Amie Owens, Town Clerk

Absent:

Chairman Ann Melton

Jan Griffin

David Blevins

Vice Chairman Laursen welcomed the newest member to the Public Art Commission, RoAnne “Sug” Barnett. Ms. Barnett was appointed by the Board of Aldermen at their June meeting. Vice Chairman Laursen called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

1. Minutes from the July 10, 2014 regular meeting

There was no discussion or corrections noted to the minutes.

*Mr. DePaolo motioned to approve the July 10, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Barnett seconded; the motion carried unanimously.*

2. Treasurer’s Report

Ms. League provided the Treasurer’s report noting the ending balance on July 31, 2014 of \$24,665.12 with fiscal year-to-date income of \$11,384.49 and expenses of \$11,954.88. An overall net loss of \$570.39 was noted. As the Town of Waynesville has not closed out its FY 13-14, Ms. League is waiting to finalize the report for the Waynesville Public Art Commission.

Ms. League explained, for Ms. Barnett's benefit, how funding was received from the Town and through donations. The accumulation of funds from previous years has allowed for the current account balance.

There were no questions and no discussion regarding the Treasurer's Report.

*Mr. Mills motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. McClure seconded; the motion carried unanimously.*

### 3. Chasing Tadpoles – Dedication Event Recap

Vice Chairman Laursen was not present for the event and inquired as to how it went. Ms. League, Mr. DePaolo, Mr. Mills and Mr. McClure agreed that even though the weather was not good, there were still about forty (40) individuals present for the dedication ceremony. There were several activities for children provided by the Waynesville Recreation Center and Haywood Waterways Association. There were food vendors present with minimal participation from various artists due to the weather.

Unfortunately, there have been some negative comments about the location, but the positive comments have far outweighed them. Mr. DePaolo noted that he had received only positive comments about the location of Chasing Tadpoles and the new sitting area. He is now working at Mahogany House and sees individuals stopping and taking pictures daily.

### 4. Hazelwood Art

Vice Chairman Laursen explained that Chairman Melton had contacted her prior to the meeting and suggested that individuals be thinking about the next public art piece for Hazelwood and a potential location. Chairman Melton requested that the group research Dianne Lee who works in stained glass as a consideration since the piece could be smaller than a sculpture and more mobile, if necessary.

Discussion was held regarding the suggestion by Mr. Blevins related to having the piece as part of a bench for novelty photographs by citizens and tourists as has been done in other areas. The challenge remains locating the piece in Hazelwood no matter what design element is chosen.

Ms. League noted that at one point, Chris Forga indicated that it may be possible to lease an area for a public art piece. Ms. Owens will follow up with Ms. Onieal to see if this is still a consideration for the Town.

Mr. Mills added that when the call for proposals is made, the size requirement will be included in the specifications.

5. Public Art Walking Tour Booklet

Vice Chairman Laursen noted that Chairman Melton had also requested that individuals begin researching individual public art pieces in the hopes of producing a booklet (similar to the Historic Homes guide) to be used as a walking tour supplement. The pieces were assigned as follows:

- a. Micah – Chasing Tadpoles
- b. Jan – Wildflowers
- c. Sarah Jane – Railing
- d. Charles – Historic Arch
- e. Nick – Old Time Music
- f. Diana – Pavers
- g. David – Folkmoot
- h. Ann – Waynesville Public Art Commission

Members were requested to include information about the artist, the piece itself including the medium used and any pictures available. Ginny Boyer has the historical information on the pieces including any newspaper articles available at the Municipal Building.

Ms. League noted that LaFemme should also be included in the booklet as it would at some point be installed, hopefully at the HART Theatre. As Ms. Barnett did not have an assigned piece to research, it was agreed that she could work on development of something for LaFemme.

6. Other Business

There were no additional items of business noted.

6. Adjourn

*There being no further business to discuss, Vice Chairman Laursen adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.*

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Amie Owens, Staff/Secretary

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Diana Laursen, Vice Chairman – acting Chair

The next Public Art Commission meeting: **Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.**