



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 11, 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:

Micah McClure

RoAnne “Sug” Barnett (new member)

Jan Griffin

David Blevins

Chairman Ann Melton

Also Present:

Amie Owens, Town Clerk

Absent:

Vice Chairman Diana Laursen

Charles Mills

Dominick DePaolo

Sarah Jane League

Chairman Melton called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. following the establishment of quorum.

1. Minutes from the August 14, 2014 regular meeting

There was no discussion of nor corrections noted to the minutes.

*Ms. Griffin motioned to approve the August 14, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Barnett seconded; the motion carried unanimously.*

2. Treasurer’s Report

Ms. League was not present and this agenda item was tabled until later in the meeting.

3. Chasing Tadpoles – Permanent Plaque

Members were provided suggested wording via email in advance of the meeting for the proposed permanent plaque to be placed at the Chasing Tadpoles site. Discussion was held related to the fact that while the Biltmore Square Mall donated the piece to the Town, it was the Asheville Outlets who would be recognized via their logo on the plaque. This was part of the agreement for receiving the piece.

*Mr. Blevins motioned to approve the wording on the plaque as presented. Ms. Griffin seconded; the motion carried unanimously.*

Ms. Owens will order the plaque and arrange for installation by the Town of Waynesville.

4. Hazelwood Art

Chairman Melton began the discussion regarding a piece of public art in Hazelwood. She had spoken briefly with Kevin Duckett about a fund raiser for the new piece. Ms. Griffin had spoken with Streets Supervisor, Daryl Hannah regarding the possibility of a bench to be placed in a smaller area where a sculpture could be included on the bench as was showcased by Mr. Blevins previously with pictures from his travels.

Mr. Blevins suggested the possibility of approaching Chris Forga with the idea of creating a memorial mini-park in honor of Robert Forga where any new public art could be showcased and provide some benches and landscaping for Hazelwood. This park could be contained within 1 – 2 parking spaces and the small tree area in the existing space.

Discussion regarding possible placement of new public art prompted the group to have brief discussion regarding what information should be put in the Artist Call including dimensions, possible materials to be used, and what geographical region should be used for distribution of the artist call the request. Ms. Griffin noted that a new piece of public art could be purchased rather than commissioned if it fit with the theme of the project and was an original; the group agreed.

Ms. Griffin noted that Vice Chairman Laursen had volunteered to be the liaison between the WPAC and the Hazelwood Merchants during this project.

Next steps for this process include Chairman Melton discussing with Jonathan Yates a draft of what a possible mini-park could look like and present it to Ms. Forga. If no one has contacted Ms. Forga before Mr. Blevins returns from an upcoming trip, he will do so.

5. La Femme (this item was moved from its original agenda placement)

Chairman Melton noted that Ms. League was going to talk with Steven Lloyd at HART to determine if they were, in fact, going to accept and use La Femme as part of their new landscaping. No definitive answer has been received. Mr. Blevins voiced that if HART does not embrace the idea of using the piece, the group should consider using it elsewhere such as Carolyn's Point.

No further action is required at this time. Await response from HART.

6. Public Art Walking Tour Booklet

As noted from the previous meeting, each of the members of the WPAC were assigned one public art piece to research and do a brief write up for the development of a Waynesville Public Art Walking Tour Brochure. Mr. Blevins provided pictures and a sample of a similar art walk brochure from Wickenburg, Arizona. He explained that throughout the town was ambient music at each of the pieces with a brief audio providing information about each piece. Mr. Blevins explained that legislation has been passed, primarily in western states, to provide tax revenue for the support of public art.

Chairman Melton indicated that until all of the pieces were installed, the booklet would not be finalized, but encouraged members to submit their summaries when completed and she would be responsible for maintaining them. Both Ms. Griffin and Chairman Melton have completed their submissions.

### **Treasurer's Report – Revisited**

Ms. League called in to the meeting via Ms. Griffin's cell phone and asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's report. There were none.

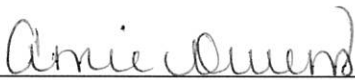
*Ms. Griffin motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Mr. Blevins seconded; the motion carried unanimously.*

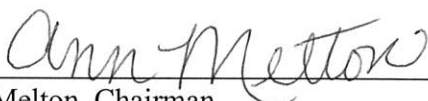
7. Other Business

There were no additional items of business noted.

8. Adjourn

*There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Melton adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.*

  
Amie Owens, Staff/Secretary

  
Ann Melton, Chairman

The next Public Art Commission meeting: **Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.**