



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 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:

Acting Chairman Jan Griffin
Micah McClure
RoAnne “Sug” Barnett
Charles Mills
Dominick DePaolo

Also Present:

Amie Owens, Town Clerk
Jonathan Yates, Town of Waynesville

Absent:

Vice Chairman Diana Laursen
David Blevins
Sarah Jane League
Ann Melton

Chairman Griffin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. following the establishment of quorum.

1. Minutes from the October 9 regular meeting and the October 29 special called meeting

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

Mr. Mills motioned to approve both the October 9, 2014 and October 29, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. DePaolo seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

2. La Femme

Mr. Yates explained that he had viewed the potential area for placement of La Femme at Carolyn’s Point. His recommendation was not to put the piece in the center of the concreted circle, but rather offset behind the existing bench which would allow for the piece to be seen and in better scale with the current landscaping. Mr. Yates indicated that La Femme should be easy to install and would be highly visible from the adjacent

streets. Mr. Yates will coordinate with Daryl Hannah regarding installation if the group is in agreement with his recommendation.

Mr. DePaolo motioned to approve the location and placement of La Femme. Mr. McClure seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Hazelwood Art

Mr. Yates provided some sketches of the proposed mini-park in Hazelwood that would house the Plott Hound themed art piece. As Ms. Melton was going to approach Ms. Forga regarding the idea, no progress has been made to this point related to whether or not she would be amenable to donating two parking spaces for this project. Chairman Griffin noted that Mr. Blevins had indicated at another meeting that he could contact Ms. Forga if no one had done so previously. Ms. Griffin will ask Mr. Blevins to do so.

There were many questions regarding the call for artists including the materials to be used, the area available for the piece and the amount that the WPAC would be willing to spend on the piece. Chairman Griffin asked everyone to consider between now and the December meeting whether the piece should be 360° free standing piece, a relief included as part of the bench as was rendered by Mr. DePaolo, a piece that incorporates a bench or leave it to the artist provided that it fits the other parameters set forth in the call for artists.

Discussion was held regarding whether the use of a bench would be appropriate. Ms. Owens will work with Mr. Hannah to ascertain the pricing for the teak, metal or concrete benches that could be used in the piece and would be provided by the WPAC. Mr. Mills added that the call for artists could include verbiage that says the piece should be used on or around the bench.

Chairman Griffin noted that it will be necessary to include language in the call for artists regarding Plott Bald and why this is such a special piece. She asked members to be thinking of information to be used in all of the announcements and further discussion would be held at the December meeting.

3. Fundraising Ideas for Hazelwood Art

Chairman Griffin noted that the idea would be to get the call for artists out in January 2015 and have a fundraising event in May or June. One suggestion was to have a Plott Hound Dog Show in conjunction with the WNC Dog Fanciers at the Haywood County Fairgrounds and serve a Bar BQ dinner. The idea is to have the artist available to mingle with the guests, along with Mr. Plott and some potential adoptable hounds from Sarge's.

Ms. Barnett motioned to approve the Plott Hound Dog Show as the primary fundraising event for this piece. Mr. Mills seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

4. Other Business

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. Chairman Griffin indicated that until all of the pieces were installed, the booklet could not be finalized, and recommended tabling further discussion until after La Femme was in place and the call for artists was sent out for the Hazelwood piece. This would most likely be revisited in February 2015.

Ms. Barnett motioned to table this particular project until at least February 2015. Mr. Mills seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

8. Adjourn

Chairman Griffin reminded members that decisions related to the call for artists would be made at the December meeting to ensure distribution in January and requested that all members make every effort to attend.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Griffin adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Amie Owens, Staff/Secretary

Jan Griffin, Acting Chairman

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