



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 13, 2015  
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:

Dominick DePaolo, Chairman  
Jan Griffin  
Charles Mills  
Micah McClure, Vice Chairman  
Sarah Jane League, Treasurer  
Ann Melton  
Teri Siewert  
Libba Feichter

Also Present:

Amie Owens, Staff/Secretary  
Marcy Onieal, Town Manager  
George Kinney

Absent: NONE

Chairman Nick DePaolo called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed the two new members – Libba Feichter and Teri Siewert.

1. Minutes from the July 9, 2015 regular meeting

*Ms. League motioned to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2015 regular meeting minutes, as presented. Ms. Griffin seconded; the motion carried unanimously.*

2. Treasurer’s Report- Sarah Jane League

Ms. League noted that she had not received the financials from Finance Director Eddie Caldwell as of the time of the meeting. She explained that there had been no expenditures for the month of July with some addition from the sale of the notecards. Ms. League will forward a copy of the July financials to the commission members upon receipt.

*Ms. Griffin made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, as presented. Mr. Mills seconded; the motion carried unanimously.*

3. Fundraising Activities

Ms. Griffin reported that \$638.00 had been collected to date for the notecards. There are notecards in several businesses in town including Blue Ridge Books, Mahogany House, Mountain Favors and Smoky Mountain Roasters.

Chairman DePaolo added that he is revising the comic book to reflect changes suggested by Bob Plott. He asked if there were any ideas related to a fundraiser for the Plott Hound other than the donations which may be possible from the American Plott Hound Association and the State Plott Hound group. Chairman DePaolo asked members to think of possible fundraising ideas and share at the September meeting.

4. Call for Artists

Chairman DePaolo spoke with Chris Forga regarding the potential to have a piece in Hazelwood. She indicated that parking lot design is the next steps and the WPAC would need to know the dimensions of the area set aside for public space in order to move forward with the call for artists. Ms. League added that it would be helpful to have a visual representation of the area included as well.

Town Manager Marcy Onieal explained to the group that while the Town had been in discussions with Ms. Forga about the parking lot, there is currently no long term agreement in place and the Town does not have the funds in the budget to make improvements. She added that one dilemma in having public art in the Hazelwood area is that there is no public space there and very limited right of ways. Ms. Onieal noted that there are many pieces in play such as design, negotiation of a lease, and willingness of both parties to discuss the donation of space for WPAC project.

Discussion continued and Chairman DePaolo commented that he felt that Ms. Forga was willing to work with the WPAC on the mini-park suggestion and offering space for it. Related to the actual call for artists, Ms. Melton expressed that she felt it was better to wait to send out the call until all of the variables are taken care of related to the space and that it would be fine to postpone a piece until 2016.

Ms. Onieal added that she could coordinate a meeting with Ms. Forga, the town engineer and others right away so that it could be determined whether there would be space available. Chairman DePaolo noted that if there is no agreement in

place currently, then the WPAC is not in a position to move forward right now – it will be better to wait and proceed in the right direction, just at a later date.

Ms. Onieal added that the WPAC may wish to approach Ms. Forga related to the donation of the space, but that the Town does not have the funds to purchase it. Ms. Siewert reminded members that an important consideration is the legacy of the Forga's and prefacing the donation with the fact the WPAC wishes to honor that legacy. Ms. Feichter added that she would be willing to ask Ms. Forga about donating the land. Discussion continued and it was determined that Chairman DePaolo and Ms. Feichter would visit Ms. Forga to discuss the donation. Ms. Onieal suggested meeting with Ms. Forga and the necessary staff from the Town and developing a timeline so that the WPAC could better format and plan the call for artists.

Ms. League inquired as to whether or not the town and/or the WPAC could assist with the infrastructure. There are funds available and if the area was specific to public art, would this be possible? Ms. Griffin noted that since the town had been generous in their annual donation to the WPAC, it was important to show that the funds are being spent in the pursuit of public art – if there is a delay in sending out the call, it may give the appearance of stockpiling money by the Commission.

Further discussion was held and it was determined that waiting for an art piece in Hazelwood was the best option.

*Ms. Melton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Siewert that:*

- 1. the call for artists be held until all information needed for such call is received including space available for an art piece; and*
- 2. schedule a meeting between WPAC representatives, Town representatives and Ms. Forga to discuss possible options for the parking lot and public art areas.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

## 6. Other Business

### a. Thank you

Ms. Griffin formally thanked Diana Laursen for her service to the Waynesville Public Art Commission and noted that she had indicated she would be willing to assist with WPAC at any time if called upon, especially related to public art in Hazelwood.

### b. Shady Ladies – Wall Street Quilt

Ms. Griffin explained that she had been approached by Marilyn Sullivan of the Shady Ladies Quilting group regarding the possible purchase of a quilt entitled “Wall Street” that depicts the landscape of Wall Street. Ms. Griffin added that the idea would be that the WPAC

would purchase and then present it to the Town of Waynesville for permanent display as a means of thanking the Town for its support. Discussion was held. Chairman DePaolo noted that this was a unique and locally made item which would fit in the mission of the WPAC for original art celebrating Waynesville.

*Ms. League made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffin that the Waynesville Public Art Commission purchase the quilt entitled "Wall Street" for \$2,400.00 and present it to the Town of Waynesville in appreciation of their support of the Public Art Commission and its mission; the Town will appropriately display the quilt within the Town. The motion carried unanimously.*

Ms. Owens will submit a check request to the Town of Waynesville Finance Office for purchase of the quilt and will work with town staff to have the piece appropriately displayed in a town building.

7. Adjourn

*There being no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.*

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Amie Owens, Staff/Secretary

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Nick DePaolo, Chairman

The next Public Art Commission meeting: **Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.**

**\*\*As the quilt "Wall Street" is currently on display at the HART theater, the following signage was placed with the quilt to indicate to visitors the contribution by the WPAC.**

"Wall Street" was purchased by the Waynesville Public Art Commission and is being donated to the Town of Waynesville for its support of the Commission and furthering their mission to engage the community and enrich public spaces through original art that celebrates Waynesville's historic, cultural, natural and human resources.