



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 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  
Micah McClure, Vice Chairman  
Jan Griffin  
Ann Melton  
Teri Siewert  
Libba Feichter

Absent:

Charles Mills  
Sarah Jane League, Treasurer

Also Present:

Amie Owens, Staff/Secretary  
George Kenney

Chairman Nick DePaolo called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Minutes from the August 13, 2015 regular meeting

*Ms. Melton motioned to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2015 regular meeting minutes, as presented. Ms. Siewert seconded; the motion carried unanimously.*

2. Treasurer’s Report- Sarah Jane League

Ms. League was not present and she had not received the financials from Finance Director Eddie Caldwell as of just prior to the meeting. Ms. League will forward a copy of the year-end and other monthly financials to the commission members upon receipt.

3. Fundraising Activities

Ms. Griffin reported that she had moved one of the sites where notecards were being sold from Mountain Favors to Sunburst Markets.

Chairman DePaolo added that he has finished with the revisions to the comic book to reflect changes suggested by Bob Plott.

4. Hazelwood Update

Ms. Owens explained that a meeting was held with Chris Forga on August 31, 2015 and several town representatives to discuss improvements to the parking area in Hazelwood and use of two spaces for public art. Discussion centered around concept drawings to best utilize the area for parking.

Ms. Forga was amenable to having space set aside for public art; however, she did not wish to have an area carved out as a separate parcel and deed. She indicated that she would be willing to have an easement for public space for the art included in any type of lease arrangement that was agreed upon.

Additional concept drawings were requested and a follow up meeting will be held at a later date to continue discussion and negotiations.

5. Other Business

a. Boards and Commissions Luncheon

Ms. Owens reminded members of the upcoming Boards and Commissions luncheon on September 29 and requested RSVPs by September 22.

b. Vacancy on Public Art Commission

Ms. Owens noted that there was one remaining vacancy on the Public Art Commission. George Kenney had submitted his application and it would be presented to the Board of Aldermen for approval and appointment at the September 22 regular meeting.

c. Frog Level Bench Project

Ms. Griffin explained that she had discussed with Daryl Hannah, Streets and Sanitation Supervisor about having a WPAC project in Frog Level at the Old Armory in the form of three benches. Ms. Griffin had suggested approaching three local artists for this project rather than putting out a formal call. The proposed compensation for each bench was \$1,500.00.

Chairman DePaolo noted that since this would be at the Armory, perhaps a military themed bench or benches would be appropriate. Ms. Siewert suggested a whimsical frog themed bench to go with Frog Level and the existing Frog Gig Plaza.

Mr. McClure inquired whether the artist would be expected to build the bench or would the bench be included? The consensus was that either would be appropriate.

Further discussion was held and it was determined that due to the historical nature of the area such as the depot and livery, it would be most appropriate to have the theme as Historic Waynesville, this way there could be acknowledgement of the military history and history of the area.

Following this discussion, it was noted that three artists, Grace Cathey, Stefan Bonitz and Todd Frahm would be contacted regarding their interest and to gain input about how to ensure complimentary but distinct benches.

*Ms. Feichter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Siewert that the three artists be contacted and a meeting scheduled to discuss this project and to determine how to best work collaboratively to achieve the desired affect. The motion carried unanimously.*

A letter will be drafted by Ms. Owens and sent to the three artist requesting a meeting later in the month. Scheduling of this meeting will be determined by the Chairman.

d. Acknowledgement of Long Standing WPAC member

Chairman DePaolo noted that David Blevins had served the WPAC well in his many years as a member and should receive an acknowledgement from the WPAC for his efforts.

*Ms. Griffin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Melton to develop a plaque for presentation to David Blevins on behalf of the Waynesville Public Art Commission. The motion carried unanimously.*

Ms. Owens will draft language for approval by the WPAC at their October meeting.

6. Adjourn

*There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Melton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Feichter to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

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Amie Owens, Staff/Secretary

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Nick DePaolo, Chairman

The next Public Art Commission meeting: **Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.**