



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2016
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:

Treasurer Sarah Jane League
Jan Griffin
George Kenney
Libba Feichter
Charles Mills
Teri Siewert
Caroline Williamson

Also Present:

Amie Owens, Assistant Town Manager

Absent:

Chairman Nick DePaolo
Ann Melton

Chairman Nick DePaolo was absent and due to the fact that the vice-chairman was yet-to-be-determined, the Treasurer was the next official who could conduct the meeting. Treasurer Sarah Jane League called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

1. Welcome of New Member – Caroline Williamson

Ms. League welcomed the newest member to the Public Art Commission – Caroline Williamson. All members were asked to introduce themselves.

2. Minutes from the June 9, 2016 regular meeting

Ms. Griffin motioned to approve the June 9, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Feichter seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

3. Treasurer’s Report

Ms. League provided the Treasurer’s Report noting the fiscal year-end account balance as of June 30, 2016 as \$24,740.83. Income for the year was \$6,375 which included the

annual \$5,000 grant from the Town of Waynesville. Expenses for the year were \$8,469.61 including the purchase of the Wall Street quilt which was donated to the Town and the commissioned bench for the Armory. Ms. League had asked for some clarification as to donations received and Ms. Owens provided the information via email prior to the meeting.

Ms. League continued explaining that the month-end account balance as of July 30, 2016 was \$24,752.83; the increase was due to the sale of one pack of notecards. There were no expenses in July 2016.

Ms. Griffin motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Ms. Siewert seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

4. Election of Vice Chairperson

Micah McClure did not seek reappointment to the WPAC. This left a vacancy for the office of Vice Chair who would act in the absence of Chairman DePaolo. Ms. Griffin nominated Mr. Kenney to serve as the Vice Chairman. Mr. Kenney indicated that he would be willing to serve in this capacity. No additional nominations were heard.

Ms. Griffin made a motion to elect Mr. Kenney as the Vice Chairman of the Waynesville Public Art Commission. Ms. Siewert seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. George Kenney is the new Vice Chairman of the Waynesville Public Art Commission.

5. Goals and Objectives for the Upcoming Year

Ms. Griffin explained that with the new Arboretum that is being planned for the Recreation Center property, there is potential to add some new public art pieces. She has spoken with Rhett Langston who is agreeable to such additions.

Ms. Griffin added that it is important to keep the previous and potential donors apprised of what the WPAC is going to be doing and hold a fundraiser to help with future projects.

Mr. Kenney made a suggestion related to the proposed Plott Hound piece that was planned for Hazelwood. As there has been little to no movement between the property owner and the Town, if nothing progresses by the end of the year, an alternate site could be chosen for the Plott Hound. Ms. Owens noted that the existing dog park may be a good location for such a piece.

Ms. Griffin made a motion to approve the idea put forth by Mr. Kenney noting that if no agreement could be reached with the property owner in Hazelwood that an alternate site be chosen for the Plott Hound as the WPAC project for 2017. Ms. League seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion continued related to this proposed piece for 2017 including the need for interactions with animal welfare groups, donors and a call for artists set in a timely fashion to allow for a varied artist pool.

Mr. Kenney asked each of the members to bring back a listing of artists to the next meeting. These artists would be contacted once the call for artists was completed for the project.

Additional discussion was held related to the priorities and potential projects for the WPAC in the upcoming year and beyond. The following list outlines priorities:

1. Complete negotiations for the Plott Hound location by December 31, 2016; if unsuccessful – select alternate site for this piece.
2. Draft Call for Artists for Plott Hound piece – hopefully to include specifications on area available to utilize for the piece.
3. Work with the Town and specifically the Recreation Center to determine where additional pieces may be placed. The Recreation Department is drafting its System-wide Master Plan which will incorporate public art.
4. Continue to research new opportunities such as an MLK, Jr. Park and grant opportunities for additional public art resources.

6. Other Business

Ms. Owens explained that the new Town Manager had been selected. His name is Rob Hites. He has an extensive municipal management background and was the city manager in Statesville for over 13 years. Mr. Hites will be invited to come to the September meeting to meet the commission members.

5. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Griffin made a motion; seconded by Ms. League to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Amie Owens, Staff/Secretary

Sarah Jane League, Treasurer

The next Public Art Commission meeting: **Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.**