



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2017
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:

Chairman George Kenney
Treasurer Sarah Jane League
Libba Feichter
Jan Griffin
Ann Melton
Charles Mills
Teri Siewert

Also Present:

Amie Owens, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk
Tom Szewc – applicant for WPAC

Absent:

Vice Chair Caroline Williamson

Chairman George Kenney called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Minutes from the February 9, 2017 regular meeting

Ms. Griffin motioned to approve the February 9, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Melton seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Sarah Jane League provided the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending February 28, 2017. She noted the total account balance of \$29,350.42 which was the same from January. Ms. Owens noted that there would be an expense reflected in March for the plaque for the bench at the Old Armory.

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

3. **Plott Hound Piece**

a. Review of Artists' Submissions

Ms. Owens provided packets to all in attendance from the seven (7) submissions received. She placed the renderings up on the large screen for members to review and discuss.

Following the review of all seven submissions, the Commission narrowed the field to three finalists. Those finalists were: Robert Orr, Todd Frahm and Jim Collins. All are WNC artists with extensive background in sculpture work.

b. Artists' Presentations

Discussion was held related to the presentation by the artists and how to go about developing a list of potential members of the Citizen Advisory Panel. All agreed that inclusion of the Plott Family, various merchants in Hazelwood, residents in Hazelwood, supporters of the arts in Haywood County including Haywood Community College Professional Crafts Division, and elected officials would comprise a good cross section of population.

The group agreed that Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. would be the best timing for this presentation and small reception. Ms. Owens will notify the three finalists of this presentation date.

As per the timeline for the project, the final decision as to which artist's work will be recommended to the Board of Aldermen for approval would be done on May 11, 2017 at the WPAC regular meeting.

c. Fundraising

Ms. Griffin noted that she has placed the cookbooks at several locations throughout Waynesville and they are selling for \$10.00 each. She has collected \$140.00 as of the date of the meeting.

The fundraising letter that was approved in January will be sent to a list of individuals from previous campaigns. The list will be reviewed and necessary adjustments made. These letters will go out the week of March 13, 2017.

Discussion was held related to possible fundraising activities. The following were mentioned:

- A catered dinner/dancing
- A catered barbeque
- Wine and cheese tasting
- Dog show

Chairman Kenney requested that all individuals think of ideas for possible fundraising events and they would be discussed at the next meeting.

4. **Other Business**

NC Main Street Champion

Ms. Owens requested clarification as to whether or not anyone would be attending the 2016 North Carolina Main Street Champion recognition ceremony on March 16, 2017. Members discussed and unless Ms. Griffin can attend, the award will be accepted on the WPAC's behalf by Buffy Phillips of the Downtown Waynesville Association.

5. **Adjourn**

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

Amie Owens, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk

George Kenney, Chairman

The next Public Art Commission meeting: **Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**