



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2019
THURSDAY, 4:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM

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
Vice-Chairman Nick DePaolo
Douglas Garrett
Libba Feichter
Leigh Forrester

Also Present:

Jesse Fowler, Planner

Absent:

Steve Lloyd
Ann Melton

Chairman George Kenney called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with introductions from the Commission Members, new member Leigh Forrester, and applicant Mel Bennett.

1. Minutes from the January 10th regular meeting

Ms. Leigh Forrester made a motion, seconded by Mr. Douglas Garrett to accept the January 10th, 2019 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer’s Report – Sarah Jane League

Ms. League presented the Treasurer’s report ending December 31, 2018. She noted that the account balance as of December 31, 2018 was \$27,940. She advised that Mr. Caldwell from the finance department had retired, and therefore January was still being worked on.

Ms. League reported in November and December a couple of t-shirts being sold and an expense of \$693.50 for the purchase of new t-shirts. The Plott Hound public donation is up by \$30. At this time, there is an outstanding balance of \$5,410 to finish funding the Plott Hound piece.

Ms. League advised that the Town of Waynesville grants are due at the end of March and she needs the application for the Administrative grant. Mr. Fowler will get this sent to her.

Ms. Leigh Forrester made a motion, seconded by Mr. Douglas Garrett, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Vacancies on the WPAC:

Chairman George Kenney stated that Eddie Ward, Town Clerk, had sworn in Ms. Leigh Forrester as a new member to the Public Arts Commission before the meeting.

Mr. Kenney announced that Ms. Mel Bennett, was present as a candidate to fill the last open seat on the WPAC. Commission Members reviewed Ms. Bennett's application. Ms. Bennett informed the Commission that the town, community and the arts were important to her and discussed her education and experience.

Ms. Libba Feichter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leigh Forrester, to accept Ms. Mel Bennet to the Waynesville Public Art Commission and recommend her to the Board of Aldermen. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Walking Tour Booklet and website- continued discussion

The Commission discussed applying for a grant through the TDA, Tourism Development Authority. One part would be for \$8000 for the design work and website of the walking tour. The second part of the grant would be applying for an additional \$7500 to print 5,000 booklets. Both of these would incorporate a contract with The Mountaineer and would consist of a yearly website maintenance fee of \$250, which would include their services and IT assist. Mr. Kenney stated that the website would be separate from the Town of Waynesville's website. Discussion also included that if the entire grant was not received through the TDA, the Commission could use PAC current funds to do a match to launch the project. Permission from the Aldermen ahead of time to add funds and sign a contract would make the project go smoothly, so that if any of the grant goes through there are no delays. Commission members noted that the website component and audio walking tour would be a progressive step forward for our community, tourists, younger generations and the Art Commission.

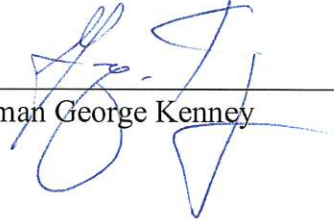
Mr. Nick DePaolo made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sarah Jane League, to proceed with the TDA application for TDA funding for the guidebook and website. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Libba Feichter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leigh Forrester to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.



Chelle Baker, Administrative Assistant
*Absent/Transcribed by audio recording



Chairman George Kenney

*The next Public Art Commission meeting: **Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.***