



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 13TH, 2023
THURSDAY, 4:00PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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.

Present:

Chairman George Kenney
Vicki Mangieri
Douglas Garrett
Ashten McKinney
Morgan Beryl

Absent:

Skip Middleton
James Cuellar
Steve Lloyd

Staff Present:

Jesse Fowler, Assistant Town Manager
Candace Poolton, Town Clerk

Chairman George Kenney welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1. Minutes from the March 9, 2023 Regular Meeting

Doug Garrett wanted to correct the minutes from last month’s meeting to read “Chairman Kenney offered to go to PCC on **March 13th** to present”, instead of April 13th, under “Action Items”.

Vicki Mangieri made a motion, seconded by Ashten McKinney to accept the March 9, 2023 minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Mountain Lion Art Piece Donation

David Blevins, a previous WPAC member, discussed donating a bronze cougar statue to the Town of Waynesville. The piece was made by nationally renowned wildlife artist, Jim Eppler. Mr.

Blevins mentioned he would like to have some say in the location of the piece-preferably downtown. Assistant Town Manager, Jesse Fowler, discussed the process of placing the art. The next step is to go to the Board of Aldermen for approval at the next meeting, April 25th. The WPAC collectively decided that the piece would look best in front of the Police Station.

3. Pigeon Community Center Meeting with NAACP Debrief

Chairman George Kenney said the meeting at the Pigeon Community Center that Jesse, Morgan, and he attended went well. He recommended to the WPAC that they attend another meeting on April 29th.

4. Grant Opportunities

Morgan Beryl discussed a grant opportunity that Haywood County Arts Council would award the recipient around \$5000 to pay an artist who is a person of color to commission a piece. She said that the artist does need to be local, and the money would have to be spent during fiscal year 23-24. Jesse said he would discuss the grant with members of the Board.

Jesse reported that he applied for the TDA 1% Grant for \$15,000. George added that he applied for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant for \$20,000. Ashten mentioned that South Arts has a grant opportunity called “in these mountains” that WPAC should look into. The grants have to do with preserving Appalachian culture.

5. Other Business

Morgan Beryl said that she is resigning from WPAC, and this is her last meeting. She said she is moving to Minnesota.

Jesse Fowler reported that he ordered more Music Men shirts. Vicki asked Jesse if he looked into getting a booth at the flea market. Jesse said he will call the next day.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Doug Garrett made a motion, seconded by Vicki Mangieri, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Candace Poolton, Town Clerk

Chairman George Kenney