



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11TH, 2024
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:

Steve Lloyd
Ashten McKinney
Tonya Harwood
Douglas Garrett
Chairman George Kenney
Vicki Mangieri
CJ Deering
Ginny Moe

Staff Present:

Jesse Fowler, Assistant Town Manager
Candace Poolton, Town Clerk

Chairman George Kenney welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

1. Approval of the June 13th, 2024 minutes

A motion was made by CJ Deering, seconded by Tonya Harwood, to approve the June 13, 2024 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Chefs On Fire Recap and Discussion

Chairman George thanked the commission members for their hard work with the mural completion and the success of the Chefs On Fire event. He said they made \$326, but now they now have \$7,263.85 they can spend on the mural. He thanked Tonya for helping the WPAC receive the \$5000 grant from the Haywood County Arts Council. He said they spent \$7,263.85 on the event and made \$7,410.72. The commission members made several suggestions for improvements that were documented by the clerk and placed in the event file for next year. Chairman George mentioned adding the PCMDC mural to the booklet and creating a brochure in the meantime.

3. WPAC Commission Member Vacancy

Candace said that there is a vacancy and to let her know if there is a specific skill set or certain experience that the commission members are looking for in a new member. Ginny suggested reaching out to Mark James.

4. Other Business

Chairman George said he spoke to Alicia at Folkmoot, and they would like to move the Folkmoot piece near the police station back to Folkmoot.

A motion was made by Doug Garrett, seconded by Tonya Harwood, to recommend to Council that the Folkmoot sculpture gets moved from the police station back to Folkmoot. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman George said he spoke with Teresa Pennington at Quick Draw and she said if the WPAC could promise that the mural on the Truist building on Main Street could be of the original arch, that she would raise the money. He said that the owner of the building already gave permission. Tonya said there may be a multicultural grant available that could help pay for the mural. Doug asked what the time frame would be for project completion. Chairman George said most likely next Summer. Steve mentioned that it would be nice to align the mural unveiling with the anniversary of the arch unveiling.

A motion was made by Ginny Moe, seconded by Vicki Mangieri, to endorse moving forward with producing an arch mural on Main Street with Teresa Pennington's assistance. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman George said that Ann Melton had approached him regarding the Plott Hound sculpture in Hazelwood that the WPAC had completed a few years prior. She said she wanted to add a black bear sculpture next to it and wanted the WPAC to modify the Plott hound by removing the current tail and adding one that is more upright. Steve said there is an obligation to the artist to not modify his artwork, and there may even be legal issues with modifying his artwork.

A motion was made by Tonya Harwood, seconded by CJ Deering, to not modify the Plott hound statue in Hazelwood. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, CJ Deering made a motion, seconded by Ashten McKinney, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

Candace Poolton, Town Clerk

Chairman George Kenney