



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12TH, 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:

Tonya Harwood
Douglas Garrett
Chairman George Kenney
Vicki Mangieri
Mark James

Absent:

CJ Deering
Ginny Moe
Steve Lloyd
Ashten McKinney

Staff Present:

Jesse Fowler, Assistant Town Manager
Candace Poolton, Town Clerk

Before the meeting, Town Clerk Candace Poolton administered Mark James' oath.

Chairman George Kenney welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:04pm.

1. Approval of the July 11th, 2024 minutes

A motion was made by Vicki Mangiri, seconded by Doug Garrett, to approve the July 11, 2024 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Church Street Discussion

Chairman George reminded the Commission of the upcoming Church Street Festival on Saturday, October 12th. Mark and Doug volunteered for the 10am-1pm shift, and Steve and George had volunteered for the 1-4pm shift.

3. Apple Festival Discussion

George said that if the Church Street Festival gets rained out, then WPAC will volunteer for the Apple Festival, to be held on October 19th.

4. Project Prioritization

Chairman George said that he spoke with the owners of High Country Furniture, and they are in support of repainting a mural on their building. George said that he thinks the whole mural process will take a year. He communicated with Theresa Pennington (who agreed to help raise the money for the mural) that the WPAC would be in charge of choosing the artist and selecting the final design. There was discussion of potentially having a plaque at the arch mural with donors names, as well as getting a plaque for the Pigeon Community Center mural. While on the subject of the PCMDC mural, he suggested that the art website and booklets get updated with the new art pieces- the cougar and the PCDMC mural. He said he will reach out to Kristy to get a description of her mural, and Candace offered to do a write up for the cougar piece. He suggested that at the next meeting, the Commission begins writing the RFQ for the mural artist.

A motion was made by Mark James, seconded by Tonya Harwood, to prioritize the arch mural project. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Other Business

Chairman George said that WPAC was finally awarded the T-Mobile grant, but T-Mobile rescinded the offer because the Pigeon Mural was already completed. Chairman George said he will try to apply again and if awarded, use the money for the proposed arch mural.

He also reported on the conversation he had with the people who wanted to alter the Plott hound piece by changing its tail and adding a bear. George explained to them that the piece is completed, but if they wanted to install a sculpture elsewhere, the WPAC would be happy to assist in that process.

George suggested that WPAC give some of the art tour booklets to the TDA.

A motion was made by Doug Garrett, seconded by Tonya Harwood, to provide art booklets to the TDA to be given to the public. The motion passed unanimously.

Tonya suggested that WPAC takes a look at the new “soon to be” artist space at 225 Church Street. She said there may be opportunities for public art to be placed there.

Tonya said the date for the Appalachian Heritage Festival is May 3rd, 2025.

Doug suggested that the mural at PMCDC has lighting. George suggested that the PCDMC provides lighting if that’s something they would like for the mural. Candace mentioned that when the skate park had lights installed, people immediately started graffitiing the park. George tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Vicki Mangieri made a motion, seconded by Tonya Harwood, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Candace Poolton, Town Clerk

Chairman George Kenney