



Minutes

Public Art Committee
April 27, 2015
7:00 P.M.

The Fayette County Public Art Committee met in an Official Meeting on April 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Committee Members Present: Steve Brown
Vicki Turner
Samuel Patton
Charlie Cave
Kate Hawkins
Carolyn Cruse

Committee Members Absent: Cheri Brown

Staff Present: Tameca P. White, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Phil Mallon, Director of Public Works
Anthony Ballard, Building & Grounds

1. Call the meeting to order.

Commissioner Brown called the April 27, 2015 Public Arts Committee meeting to order at approximately 7:04 p.m.

2. Approval of minutes for March 30, 2015 meeting.

Commissioner Brown asked if everyone that was present at the last meeting had the opportunity to review the minutes. He asked if anyone had any changes. Commissioner Brown stated that the only change he mentioned was to have the Commissioners that attended the last meeting listed as present. The minutes were approved upon consensus that the committee had reviewed the minutes and agreed with the change.

Those present made introductions.

The committee discussed the following items:

3. Discuss Fire Hydrant details

A. High School participants

The students for the contest were present. Each student was assigned a fire hydrant location for their selected designs.

Commissioner Brown stated that the fire hydrant idea was a "borrowed" idea that would be a fun and interesting way to get art out in the community. He stated that there are a lot of people who pass these

hydrants every day and this is a unique opportunity. Commissioner Brown passed the meeting over to Kate Hawkins and Vicki Turner.

Kate stated that she painted one of the hydrants and that she used a gloss enamel. She stated that one request from the Fire Chief was that we leave the top of the hydrant untouched because that is the code that shows the water pressure for the hydrant. She stated that the other request was not to paint inside the knobs on the side so that the paint does not seal or prevent them from opening the hydrants. She stated that the county will be providing the paint and that she would like to suggest that the county come by and seal the hydrants. She stated that the sealant will prevent any cracking. She stated that the paints are made to dry in the heat so it will be hard to work with them if you pour a whole bottle on a plate.

Vicki stated that all the hydrants are sprayed with the oil base paint. She asked if all the students were familiar with mixing colors. She asked if everyone would be comfortable with mixing paints if the county provided the primary colors.

Lori Thomas, Fayette County High School Art Teacher, stated that her students are ok with working with those paints. She asked Kate how many bottles she used. Lori stated that she would be comfortable with sealing the hydrant as well.

Kate also stated that students need to be sure to keep the chains connected to the hydrant flexible and do not paint them to the hydrant.

Commissioner Brown stated that if any of the students have any questions to contact Ms. Tameca White. He stated for the students to let us know when they have started and completed the hydrants.

The county will purchase paint and brushes for the students to complete their designs.

After discussion, the decision was made to give the students until June 15, 2015 to complete the hydrants. Commissioner Brown voiced that it would be great to have them done before school is out, but that it is understandable if the students need until June 15.

One of the students asked if the county will be accepting more designs from others students.

Commissioner Brown stated that we would like to get through these projects and maybe do more hydrants at a later date.

Commissioner Brown informed the group that Tameca would email them when the paints are available.

The students will email Tameca with the paint colors that are needed for their design.

Tameca asked the students to take before, during and after pictures and email them to her.

The assignments were given as follows:

Erin Treon	74 South (Starr's Mill High)
Emily Frazier	935 Senoia Road
Aslin Muralles	1830 Hwy 85 South and 220 Hampton Road
Melanie Mikoy	1330 Hwy 92, 212 Flat Creek Trail and 195 Seay Road
Kimberly Czyn	175 Johnson Road
Natalie Dowling	Will pick her location from Walt Banks Road
Nick Spearman	1 Tiger Trail
Roderick Durr	450 Hwy 279

The students were thanked and several students left the meeting.

B. Subdivision ideas

Sue McDowell, a resident of the Rolling Brooks subdivision shared the design that they would like to see on the hydrants in their subdivision. The committee reviewed the designs and stated that they liked the designs.

Sue stated that Lori Thomas, Art Teacher agreed to have some of the Fayette County High School students paint the hydrants in the subdivision. She stated that the hydrants would match the color scheme of the home that it is located near. She stated that there are four hydrants and they will have a nature theme. She asked if the hydrants are a glossy silver can they paint over it.

Commissioner Brown consulted Tony Parrott for a response.

Tony stated that some of the hydrants have the reflecting coating painted on the top.

Commissioner Brown instructed Sue to check the hydrants for the reflecting coating and let us know.

Vicki reiterated that we are not to paint the top of the hydrants or the grooves on the side knobs. She also stated that the fire chief ask that we do not paint any of the hydrants too dark.

Commissioner Brown instructed Sue to email Tameca the addresses.

Sue was asked to send the address for each hydrant to Tameca. She stated that they are thinking of painting the hydrant a dark green, but leaving the top unpainted and do the leaves in white around the hydrant.

Sue asked if they would rather the students did a light base color on the hydrants.

Vicki stated yes.

Lori suggested painting the hydrant in white, doing the vines in green and using the colors for the flowers and the butterflies. She stated that she read the instructions from the fire chief and it stated that they did not want to have more than 20% of the hydrant a certain color.

Tameca asked if the subdivision hydrants would be painted at the same time as the other hydrants. She stated that she was asking to determine if all the paint needed to be purchased at the same time.

Commissioner Brown stated that they would. He stated that like the scarecrow projects, the hydrants will bring a lot of attention.

Lori stated that it is a good project because it allows the kids to contribute to the community and have a permanent fixture that they created in the community.

Vicki stated that since she had not used this type paint outside, she had one question. She asked Kate how long she thought the paint would last.

Kate stated that once it is sealed it will not be a problem.

Commissioner Brown asked Kate and Vicki to come up with a one-pager with tips to include information about the paint, the weather and what to do if they ran into problems.

They agreed.

4. In God We Trust art proposal submissions

There was only one committee member that submitted an idea. Vicki Turner's ideas were discussed. The committee agreed that they would continue to try to find ideas and that Angela Nielsen would get samples of artwork from one of the local "foam" artist to show the committee at the next meeting.

Commissioner Brown stated that a lot of cities and counties are putting "In God We Trust" in their chambers. He stated that Commissioner McCarty on his way out after the election, put this up for a motion and it was approved. He stated that we are looking for a creative way to display this in the Commissioners' Chambers.

Angela Nielsen, after viewing the proposed idea, commented that those in the military will be offended if the text is put in an image of the flag.

Commissioner Brown stated that was good feedback.

Vicki stated that she was just playing around with it to get some ideas.

Commissioner Brown stated that most of the jurisdictions just took metal and put it on the wall. He stated that he was thinking that we could do something that is not run-of-the-mill and do something that is maybe three-dimensional.

Kate stated that she had not submitted her ideas. She stated that she has a vinyl sticker that works well and she was thinking of using that. Kate stated that she would email the item.

Commissioner Brown stated that the Board will have to vote on whatever is chosen from the committee.

The question was asked how large will it be. Commissioner Brown showed some of the suggestions for where it would be placed.

Angela stated that a lady is opening a shop near her and she has a laser engraver that she uses to cut into foam that could be used to be decorated or painted.

Commissioner Brown asked Angela to get the committee some ideas.

Phil Mallon stated if anyone thought about having the lettering in the window.

The committee agreed that they will continue to collect ideas and bring them to the next meeting.

5. Craft Art Cooperative effort

The committee discussed ideas on how to help promote local artist. Katie Mattison spoke regarding a Facebook page she created to promote handmade art. She mentioned how the page has really received a great response. The committee discussed other ideas on how to create a webpage that would foster this concept.

Katie stated that she started the Facebook page because she wished she had a resource for crafting. She stated that she started the Crafty Crafters page when she was pregnant with her second child. She stated that she started it to motivate her to do more crafts. She currently has about 200 people on her page. She stated that she wanted to have something like a local Etsy where there would not be any shipping involved and people would just meet up to exchange products. She stated that she wanted to do a logo for the page that looks like it was sewn together.

Commissioner Brown stated that we are limited in the way of the county and that we cannot sell the products but that he is looking for ways to get the word out that there is this type of activity going on. He stated that from a government stand point we can say here is this organization and this is what they are doing and be a resource for citizens to know that this type of creative group exist.

Vicki spoke regarding F.A.C.E. She stated that it is located in Peachtree City and that it stands for Fine Arts and Craft Entrepreneurs. She stated that it meets quarterly and the next meeting will be May 5 at Saville Studios at 7:00 p.m. She stated there are a lot of different arts presented.

Angela stated that she does not have the most beautiful space in Peachtree City, but she set up a small studio in the Aberdeen shopping center behind Partner's Pizza. She stated that she has a huge lobby space and a huge sidewalk that is about four feet long. She stated that it is also covered. She stated that she spoke with the landlord who agreed that the space could be used at no charge. She stated that it is very spacious and also provides indoor and outdoor area to consider for some type art event.

Commissioner Brown stated that is something that the Art Committee could possibly sponsor and get the word out. He stated that the committee could be a conduit for those looking for something like this.

After further discussion the committee agreed to look at festival type venture first and maybe work with Fayette Market Day to get a table to promote the Public Art Committee.

6. Create Local Art Awards with various categories

The committee discussed the creation of various art awards to honor the numerous artist in the Fayette County area.

Commissioner Brown stated that he was thinking he would love to recognize an art student from each high school. He asked Lori if she thought we would be able to include the middle school and if the art programs are there to support it.

Lori stated that she doubt it because those kids are placed in the class and they only have a 9-week curriculum.

Commissioner Brown asked for ideas on how to get the public involved. He stated that he thought about a Civic award, someone who volunteers to work with the arts.

Lori asked if when talking about an art award if we are talking about looking for something to award the kids with for example an internship with a local artist or scholarship. She wanted to know exactly what the idea behind this award is.

Commissioner Brown stated just something like a recognition of someone who is outstanding in the different areas. He stated that it would be press involved and have them recognized during a Board of Commissioners meeting.

Lori stated that she thinks her kids would be interested. She stated that the kids are always looking for recognition to add to their applications. She stated that she does not have those parents who volunteer their time. She stated that she would love to have that type parent at Peebles as well.

Commissioner Brown stated that there is nothing this lady is doing that cannot be duplicated. She stated that anybody and any parent could do what this volunteer is doing.

Phil stated that as someone who thinks about right-a-way that maybe we could give one for private businesses that do a good job with their lawns.

Commissioner Brown stated that we might run into some issues if we do private business. The committee agreed that we should just concentrate on the chosen areas.

The categories created were as follows: Educator, High School, Patron, Civic and Performing Art. A criteria will be created for each category and the discussion will continue at the next meeting.

7. Next project ideas

The committee discussed art ideas for the Animal Control Shelter building.

Rani Rutherford, Animal Shelter Director stated that Kate came over and they discussed some ideas.

Kate showed images that included silhouettes of a cat, dog and bird that was on top of the building. Kate stated that the building does need to be painted.

Rani stated that ultimately she would like to get the entire thing painted.

Lori suggested creative landscaping.

Rani stated that they will be proposing a new name for the shelter. She stated the name she is proposing is the Animal Welfare Enforcement.

There were other ideas suggested.

After further discussion the committee decided to have more ideas presented at the next meeting.

There were no official votes made on any of these items.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

8. Questions

None.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:34 p.m.

Tameca P. White, Chief Deputy County Clerk