

# Minutes

Public Art Committee May 18, 2015 7:00 P.M.

The Fayette County Public Art Committee met in an Official Meeting on May 18, 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 Cheri Brown Kate Hawkins Carolyn Cruse

Others Present: Lori Thomas

Erin Treon Katie Mattson

**Staff Present:** Tameca P. White, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Phil Mallon, Director of Public Works

#### 1. Call the meeting to order.

Commissioner Brown called the May 18, 2015 Public Arts Committee (PAC) meeting to order at approximately 7:02 p.m.

# 2. Approval of minutes for April 27, 2015 meeting.

Vicki Turner made a motion to approve the April 27, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Phil Mallon and was unanimously approved.

Cheri Brown made a motion to approve the March 30, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Vicki Turner and was unanimously approved.

## 3. Display and discuss completed fire hydrants

A PowerPoint presentation was shown of the completed hydrants. The committee discussed sending a press release including the images once all the hydrants are complete.

The PAC was very pleased with the final artwork done on the fire hydrants.

Lori stated that all the neighbors came out and talked with the kids while they painted the hydrants and thanked them all and then they donated \$50 to the art program.

Commissioner Brown stated that once they are all completed there will be a press release with photos. He stated that this is the beauty of what the committee does. He stated that others were looking for a large art endowment and once they realized that the committee was not created for that reason, they stopped coming. He stated that projects like this is what the committee is all about. The hydrants are

beautiful, they are in high traffic areas, and they provide community enrichment and community involvement. He stated that people are going to ask if they can do one as well.

No official vote was made on this item.

# 4. In God We Trust art proposal submissions

The committee discussed ideas for the In God We Trust art project for display in the County Public Meeting Room. The committee agreed on a foam display that was showed. After further discussion the committee decided to have the foam artist submit a mock-up of how the finished display would look.

Commissioner Brown stated that one set of images was provided from Rani Rutherford's husband. The other laser cut images where provided by Angela Nelson who was present at a previous meeting.

Commissioner Brown stated that we needed a mock-up to show to the Board of Commissioners.

The committee liked the laser cut foam images and agreed that we need to have a mock-up presented.

Commissioner Brown stated that we aim to have this presented at the first Board of Commissioners meeting on July 9.

Tameca asked when Angela would need to have the mock-up back to the PAC. She stated that she would need to have the information for the agenda request by June 24.

Commissioner Brown stated that it will need to be presented at the next meeting on June 4.

Phil stated if we could get her to do them in different fonts.

Commissioner Brown ask that she give us several examples to choose from. He informed Phil that he should be thinking about how they will suspend it.

Phil stated that if it is as light as stated, that it will be tricky.

No official vote was made on this item.

# 5. Fayetteville Market Day ideas

The committee discussed setting up a display table at the June and September 2015 Fayetteville Market Day. The committee agreed that members from the committee would "man" the table. There was discussion regarding what would be displayed and how it would be displayed at the table.

Commissioner Brown stated that the idea for participating in the Market Day was to put a table set up and creating buzz about the Public Art Committee and some art ideas in the community.

Vicki stated that the table is at no charge as long as we came. She stated that there needs to be some communication about what will be displayed at the table.

Commissioner Brown asked what the dates were.

Vicki responded that they are June 20, July 18, August 15, September 26 and October 24.

Commissioner Brown stated that if we could highlight someone that was in the craft business that is part of the PAC and just rotate each business maybe each month.

Vicki stated that she will need to check with Joyce Waits regarding that because other people are paying to have a table and sell their items and she does not want to over step her boundaries.

Commissioner Brown agreed. He suggested doing something with sample products.

Charlie asked if it would be sample products for display or sell.

Commissioner Brown stated display with business cards.

Vicki stated that she just wants to be sure we do something that shows what this committee is doing for the community. She stated that she would be available, but would not want to be solely responsible for being there.

Cheri stated that she could be present and Erin stated she could attend as well.

Lori stated that we could highlight the fire hydrants as something that the committee is promoting. She stated that we could use the photos of the kids painting and the final photos of the hydrants.

Commissioner Brown asked if there could be some literature that talks about the craft industry.

Vicki stated that we could probably have something like that.

After further discussion the committee decided that there would be a presentation board with all the pictures of projects that have been completed displayed on the table, a banner of projects, flyers that explains what the PAC does, as well as suggestion box for the community to give their ideas of projects for the committee. The committee also agreed to participate in the following dates of June 20, September 26 and October 24 for Market Days.

Katie passed out the flyers and spoke about the craft event on June 13.

Commissioner Brown asked Katie to send him all the information she has and he will put together a press release on behalf of the committee announcing the event.

No official vote was made on this item.

#### 6. Discuss local art awards nominations

The committee discussed deadlines and press release dates for the advertisement and submissions of the Public Art Committee local art awards.

A criteria for nominations was submitted to the committee for review. The committee had no objections to the criteria presented. The committee agreed that Tameca would create a Nomination Form to be presented to the committee.

Commissioner Brown stated that he would work on getting prizes donated. He stated that instead of trophies we could award them with a large ceramic plate with the award name on it.

Cheri asked if it is a student could there be some type of scholarship monies awarded as a prize.

Commissioner Brown stated it depends. He stated that it will be subject to what the committee can get.

He asked the committee to look at the application form to see if there is anything that is missing.

Cheri asked if you have to be a Fayette County resident.

Commissioner Brown stated yes, a Fayette County resident or organization. He stated that some of the categories are only for individuals and others it could be a group.

Tameca asked if the organizations will be allowed to nominate themselves.

Commissioner Brown stated that he would not have a problem with that. He stated that is why he included that you could only be awarded once within a three year period.

Lori asked who will be the decision maker about who wins.

Commissioner Brown stated that there would be selection committee made up of committee members and non-committee members. He stated that the presentation for the awards would be something that would be done at the second Board of Commissioners meeting in October.

He stated that the committee would put out a press release on Friday, July 31 for the applications and it would be in the papers around August 5.

Cheri stated that maybe we could get it in Fayette Woman.

Commissioner Brown stated that because they print so far in advance that might be difficult.

Lori asked when it would be due.

Commissioner Brown asked if the committee was okay with September 11 to have nomination forms submitted.

They agreed.

Commissioner Brown stated that September 22 would be the date that the selection committee would need to have a decision. The winner will be notified shortly after.

He confirmed that the presentation would then be October 22 during the Board of Commissioners meeting.

The committee was encouraged to send any further questions by email.

No official vote was made on this item.

# 7. Discuss ideas for the County Human Resource Department lobby area

Commissioner Brown presented photos of the County Human Resource Department lobby area. After further discussion of ideas the committee agreed to come up with ideas and bring them to the committee for presentation at the next meeting.

Commissioner Brown shared that the Human Resource (HR) Department had recently been renovated. He stated that this is where a citizen would go if they wanted to go in to apply for a job. He stated that it is not very inviting. He stated that he was thinking that the committee could dress this area up slightly. He stated that on the entry wall that there could be a wall wrap of photos of the different departments, for example, the Fire Department, Accounting, Water, and the other departments.

The committee liked the idea.

One idea would be to possibly do a Fayette County photo contest and have the winning photos be placed on that wall.

No official vote was made on this item.

# 8. Discuss ideas for the County Employee Break Room area

Commissioner Brown presented photos of the County employee break room area. After further discussion of the presented images the committee agreed to come up with ideas and bring them to the committee for presentation at the next meeting.

Commissioner Brown showed the committee photos of the lobby area on the second floor. He stated that the area is so dim that he had to lighten the photo in order to see the area clearly. He gave a description of the area. He stated that he would like to do something with the top panel over the elevator and/or around the door of the elevator.

Lori stated that there could be art pieces from each art program at the schools on display in that area.

Vicki expressed her concern that someone might try to steal the paintings from the building.

Lori suggested doing something that is fun facts on the wall.

Commissioner Brown continued to give a verbal tour of the area.

Lori jokingly suggested calling in HGTV to do an upgrade to the area.

Commissioner Brown instructed Tameca to send the photos of the lobby and break room to the committee.

Cheri stated that it wouldn't be a bad idea to get someone in like an HGTV and she asked would that be possible.

Commissioner Brown stated that it might be, but that doing this would not cost a lot of money and is something that can be done through the committee. He asked the committee to forward their ideas to Tameca for the next meeting.

No official vote was made on this item.

## 9. Other-Scarecrow Competition

The committee discussed press release dates and submission deadline dates for the scarecrow competition. Commissioner Brown stated that he will be trying hard to get the 4-H kids involved but that he would love to have the high school students vastly involved as well.

Commissioner Brown stated that Halloween is the 31<sup>st</sup> and the committee needs to set dates for the press release and putting the scarecrow in the grounds.

Lori asked who put them together and how are they constructed.

Commissioner Brown stated that he used shredded paper in the trash bags and took a little straw and put it in the ends of the scarecrow.

Cheri stated that the press release could be released around the time we end the local art one.

Commissioner Brown stated that we don't want too much of a lead time on projects like this. He stated that October 19<sup>th</sup> would give the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> as the dates to build the scarecrows. He stated that similar to last year the county will provide the stakes.

Phil asked will there be a limit to how many scarecrows someone can build.

Commissioner Brown stated that we could get as many as forty scarecrows in that area. He further stated that we could send out the press release on Monday, September 28.

Further discussion included ideas that were shown for the Animal Shelter. Lori Thomas and Vicki Turner both presented images for the committee to consider. After further discussion the committee agreed to have four of the best images available at the next meeting for the committee to choose from.

Lori showed ideas that her students painted.

Commissioner Brown asked the committee to bring more ideas of animals' heads of popular, classic paintings as the face on different portraits. He asked the committee to email four good images to use on the side of the building to choose from.

The decision was made that Vicki and some of the high school students would paint the images.

Cheri discussed a group called "Girl Noticed". She provided the committee with details of the project and how the county could get involved. She stated that the purpose of "Girl Noticed" is to bring notice to a young girl, who is an artist, scientist, or any other arena.

Lori asked where the mural of the girl would go.

Cheri stated that it would be in a book.

Commissioner Brown stated that this would have to be an indoor project.

Cheri stated that no, it is intended to be outside where it would fade away after a while.

Commissioner Brown asked if she just needs a wall.

Cheri stated yes, it can be any wall where people will pass by and see it.

Phil suggested putting on the soccer field.

Erin asked how she picks the girl to participate.

Cheri stated that she doesn't how she would select the girl.

Lori asked how large the wall need to be for the project.

Cheri stated that the one she is doing currently is a large wall at a Wal-Mart.

No official vote was made on this item.

## 10. Questions

There were no questions.

#### 11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Tameca P. White, Chief Deputy County Clerk	Steve Brown, Committee Chair