



Minutes

Public Art Committee
September 3, 2015
7:00 P.M.

The Fayette County Public Art Committee met in an Official Meeting on September 3, 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
Carolyn Cruse

Others Present: Kate Hawkins
Jon Hall
Donna Thompson
John Thompson
Jessica Eskew
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Staff Present: Tameca P. White, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Phil Mallon, Director of Public Works
Rani Rathburn, Director of Animal Shelter
Anthony Ballard, Director of Building and Grounds

1. Call the meeting to order

Commissioner Steve Brown called the September 3, 2015 Public Art Committee meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

2. Approval of minutes for August 17, 2015 meeting

Vicki Turner made a motion to approve the August 17, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was second by Charlie Cave and unanimously approved.

3. "In God We Trust" art proposal project

a. Project dates revisions needed

Commissioner Brown started the discussion by bringing those who are first time attendees, up to speed on this project. He asked Vicki to update the committee on the status of the design for this project.

Vicki stated that she reached out to Brian with Graphic Signs, Inc. in Fayetteville and asked him to give an example of the design in Times New Roman font and in a script font. These images were shown in PowerPoint to the committee. Brian also provided a sample material of the script lettering for the committee to review. After reviewing the images the committee decided that they liked the script font. The committee also agreed that they liked to have the lettering in a navy blue coloring.

The project dates for this project was amended to include having this item put on the September 24, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting for board approval.

Commissioner Brown stated that the quote for the lettering is \$411.50 and that the installation cost would be \$150.00. Vicki asked if it would be more cost effective to have the county staff install it. Commissioner Brown stated that it would be, but that by having the company install it means that the liability would remain with the company.

Commissioner Brown asked Tameca to reach out to Ted Burgess, Purchasing Director to make sure that it did not need to go out for bid or quotes. He stated that the funds for this project would not come from the Public Art Committee since this was an act of the Board of Commissioners.

Phil suggested that we take this design item before the Board for approval and once approved we could then send it out to bid if necessary.

Commissioner Brown agreed. He stated that once the design is approved the PAC would be considered done with this project.

No official vote was made on this item.

4. Update on ideas for the County Human Resource Department office area

Commissioner Brown stated that a press release was issued for the photography efforts on this project. He stated that as the names are collected, by the next meeting we can lay out which photographer can be assigned to which department.

Commissioner Brown stated that the deadline to receive interest from photographers would be September 16 and that the deadline for photographers submission would be October 23, 2015.

Phil asked how we were picturing this project to be completed. He asked whether it would be a collage or one photo on top of the other or some type of grid.

Commissioner Brown stated that it would be adhered to the wall as a wrap. He stated that we can see what the photographers produce and put it together from there.

Phil asked if it will be the entire wall or just a frame of the wall. He stated that he was asking because of the punch card that is mounted on the wall. He mentioned that he was trying to decide if they will need to move it or go around it.

Commissioner Brown stated that we would go around it.

Tameca stated the plan should be to go around the punch card. Human Resource would have some concern about it being in any other location in that area.

Commissioner Brown asked the committee if they would like to give each photographer some nominal amount.

Charlie asked what is a nominal amount. Vicki asked what amount he was thinking.

Commissioner Brown stated maybe \$15 or something along those lines as a small “thank you”. He stated that we do not have the funds to do anything more than that. He stated that they will be recognized at a Board meeting and in the newspaper to give them some recognition, in addition to them being recognized on the photo.

Phil stated that we need to be sure to include all departments.

Commissioner Brown stated absolutely. He stated there needs to be a way to distinguish the different departments on the mural. He stated that the names of the departments could be placed on the photos as well.

Donna stated that the person’s name, their department’s name and the photographer could be placed on the photo itself.

Commissioner Brown agreed.

Donna stated that in the future when sending out a call for entry to be sure to include the deadline dates.

Commissioner Brown agreed. He stated that we will update the website with that information.

No official vote was made on this item.

5. Update on ideas for Employee Break Room/Elevator area

The committee reviewed the county’s color palette. Commissioner Brown would put out a call to the art teachers to get the art student’s involvement. Lori walked the committee through the idea that she suggested. The theme would follow American painter, Wayne Thiebaud’s art work.

Commissioner Brown confirmed that the painting would be done off sight and that the PAC would provide the materials for the art students to paint. He asked if there was a theme for this project.

Lori stated that the idea is to use a theme that would follow Wayne Theibaud’s work. She stated that the wall would be the solid color and the crown molding and base board would be the accent color. She stated that if you get a large enough canvas we won’t have to frame them. Lori stated that she has students to complete the project.

Commissioner Brown identified the area where the television would be placed.

Anthony stated that one idea was to move the vending machine over to the other side of the wall and free up the space where the vending machines are now to put up more canvases and to have space for the television.

Anthony showed different options for flooring for the break room. He stated that the options are stain and water resistant to endure use in the break room. He stated that the cost is \$5 per square foot.

Commissioner Brown stated that this price seemed pricey.

Anthony explained that it is more cost than regular laminate because of the material that is on the backing of the flooring. He stated that this is commercial grade and appropriate for break room conditions.

Kate discussed her experience with using pallet wood to use on the walls. She stated that there are about 20 pallets at Oak Grove Elementary that can be used. She stated that she stains the pallet pieces in advance and random cut them and nail gunned and glued it to the wall.

Anthony stated that the county has staff that could do the pallet wood on the walls.

Kate stated that her studio, Saville Studios would donate the canvases, paint and studio time for the students to paint the paintings for this project. She agreed on September 25, 2015 at 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., September 26, 2015 at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., October 2, 2015 at 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and October 3, 2015 at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the students to paint.

Anthony stated that his staff would also replace the ceiling tiles as well.

Commissioner Brown stated that the entire room would be painted the gray color.

Tameca clarified that the television would be moved to where the vending machines are now.

After further discussion the committee decided to view the breakroom after the meeting.

The committee decided to make the elevator area a separate project.

Anthony would get quotes for the flooring selected.

The students would be asked to have the paintings and the walls painted by October 5.

No official vote was made on this item.

6. Update on ideas for the County Animal Shelter

Commissioner Brown stated that the idea was how to incorporate dogs and cats as images on the building. He stated that he informed Peachtree City that there would be no brand names advertised on the building.

Commissioner Brown stated the shelter is doing kids birthday parties and doing things to bring more people in. He stated that the paintings could be cycled out and auctioned off for donations to be given to the Animal Shelter.

Anthony showed the cement board that would be used to display the paintings on the Animal Shelter building.

Phil asked what the committee thought about ply board.

Anthony stated that we could use the cement boards with mesh in it. The committee agreed that this was the best material to use for this project.

Commissioner Brown asked what was going to be done on the surface of the building.

Anthony stated that they looked at the corrugated metal and the hard wood and both are around \$3,500.

The committee also discussed options for the corrugated metal to be placed on the building.

Vicki asked if the county will approve this project and if Peachtree City needs to be involved.

Commissioner Brown stated that they do not have to be involved and that we will keep them informed of what the committee's plans for the project have been made.

The committee discussed many ideas about what images could be painted on the cement board. There was some concern that the selected images would not be able to be seen from a distance.

Donna stated that with her experience in marketing and advertising, the images should catch the person's eye and it should pass the forty miles per hour test. She stated that if you cannot see this while traveling forty miles per hour it will be meaningless. She suggested making portraits of the animals that are actually in the shelter. She stated that the examples are too busy.

Commissioner Brown stated that the one issue is that the building is not very visible from SR 74 no matter what is on there. He stated that the hope is that people will come to see it.

Jessica stated that it would be a lot of work to switch out the portraits.

Commissioner Brown informed her that they would be switched out after months not weeks.

Lori suggested that it could be an on-going project for students.

Kate asked who would be do the artwork for these.

Commissioner Brown stated that the goal is to get the art students involved.

Commissioner Brown asked Anthony to have the price quotes for the exterior at the next meeting. He also asked Vicki if she could have the demo ready by the next meeting. She agreed.

Commissioner Brown stated that the Board presentation and approval would be at the first meeting in November. He stated hopefully everything will be in place.

No official vote was made on this item.

7. Finalize ideas for Fayetteville Market Day table for September 26

More postcards were passed around for committee members to share with others.

Kate stated that she will also hand out the postcards at her table.

Tameca stated that she would do a work order to have the tents; with weights, tables and chairs setup for the event.

Jessica Eskew agreed to participate.

8. Discuss Local Art Award nominations

a. Upcoming project dates

Commissioner Brown stated that we have two nominations. He stated that if anyone knows someone that they would like to nominate please do so by the deadline which is September 11. He stated that the purpose of the award is to recognize local artist and to say “thank you” for contribution to public art.

Vicki will be working to create a design for this award.

9. Discuss project dates for Scarecrow Competition

Commissioner Brown stated that in addition to the scarecrow competition we are collaborating with Saville Studios for the pumpkin carving contest which will be held on October 25 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Kate stated that a press release will go out about this project and Commissioner Brown stated that the Public Art Committee would send the release in collaboration with the studio.

The county is storing shredded paper to be used to stuff the scarecrows and county staff will insert the post in the ground to mount the scarecrows.

There will be prizes awarded for this project.

The committee will select the winners for the scarecrow competition at the October 19 committee meeting.

10. Other

Kate stated that she will be releasing a call for artist to take photos of the air show. The air show is October 31st. The photographer exhibits will be given on November 7.

Kate stated she would like to have on the next agenda, how the committee can support professional artist in Fayette County.

Commissioner Brown stated that the thing to keep in mind is that we do not have the funds to financially support compensation for continued professional work. He stated that we have limited funding.

The committee toured the county breakroom to see what is being planned.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, 2015.

11. Questions

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Tameca P. White, Chief Deputy County Clerk