



Minutes

Public Arts Committee
January 25, 2016
7:00 P.M.

The Fayette County Public Arts Committee met in an Official Meeting on January 25, 2016 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

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

1. Call the meeting to order

Commissioner Steve Brown called the January 25, 2016 Public Art Committee meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval of minutes for November 30, 2015 meeting

Charlie Cave made a motion to approve the November 30, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Vicki Turner and was unanimously approved.

3. Update on “In God We Trust” art proposal project

Commissioner Brown updated the committee that staff is working to determine the letter sizing for this project. He turned the committee’s attention to the sample paper letters that were displayed over the County seal on the wall as an example of the proposed lettering.

Vicki asked what style of lettering would be used and if the lettering would be three-dimensional.

Commissioner Brown stated that he did not know. He shared that the Board of Commissioners took over this project from the committee and that those things would be determined with the help of the administrative staff. He stated that they did approve to add the phrase “Out of Many One” at the bottom of the seal.

Phil Mallon, Public Works Director stated that what was seen on the wall is staff's recommendation and he was looking to get feedback from the committee. He stated that once he has approval he would put it out for bid.

Vicki asked if the letters would be made from wood.

Phil replied that it would be wood, plastic or something three-dimensional. He asked if the size was appropriate.

Tina Brown stated that the letters should be made substantially smaller than the lettering on the seal to show that it is intentionally made smaller and not that it was intended to be the same size, but failed.

There was further discussion from those in attendance and the committee regarding the lettering.

The decision was made to have the Public Works department to try and find the original manufacturer of the county seal in the attempt to use the same style lettering and material used for the seal. Public Works will re-plot the letters and provide larger sample letters, they will try to match the font style and size, move the seal a few inches higher and add stars between the two phrases to show separation. It was suggested that the letters should match the dark color of the background of the seal. Another paper fabrication will be made up and staff will get direction from the County Administrator once approved to move forward.

No official vote was made on this item.

4. Update on the County Human Resource Department Photo Mural

Commissioner Brown updated the committee that the Board of Commissioners sent the photographer agreement back to the County Attorney and that we are waiting on a reply from the attorney. He stated that it will be brought to the Board and once the Commissioners vote on the agreement the committee can move forward.

No official vote was made on this item.

5. Update on the Employee Breakroom area

Anthony Ballard, Assistant Building & Grounds Director updated the committee that the breakroom is complete. He stated that it was completed today and that the only change from the original proposal was that it has an indoor/outdoor carpet squares instead of the commercial grade tile flooring that was previously discussed and that the coffee area has a ceramic area so that if coffee is spilled it will be easy to clean. He stated that the pallet wall is complete and the television has been mounted. He concluded that Phase One is complete with the exception of the coffee area being painted with an art scene and the artwork from the students being hung.

The committee briefly discussed ideas for the elevator area.

Commissioner Brown that no decision has been made on the design of the elevator area wall.

Andrea Boswell stated that it would be good to have artwork that would not be permanent, but that could be rotated out.

Commissioner Brown stated that no items could be hung in the stairwell. He stated that they can be painted on the walls, but not hung in that area.

Phil stated that idea had been mentioned before.

Andrea stated that it could be done similar to what is being done in Peachtree City Library with rotating the artwork.

Commissioner Brown asked if Andrea knew how often the art was rotated at Peachtree City.

Andrea stated that she did not know and that it is something new.

Commissioner Brown stated that he would love to do something in the Fayette County Library, but that the layout doesn't work.

Andrea stated that the best thing to do is to get rid of the grids on the windows.

Commissioner Brown stated that this could be a project. He stated that he would speak with Chris Snell, Library Director about some ideas for the library.

Mr. Charlie Cave asked if that was the responsibility of the Library Board.

Commissioner Brown stated that ultimately it would be. He stated that the PAC would present the project idea to the Library Director and then it would be brought to the Library Board as a suggestion.

No official vote was made on this item.

6. Update on the County Animal Shelter Project

Commissioner Brown updated that Vicki brought samples to consider for the paintings for the Animal Shelter.

Vicki shared the type of paints she used for the paintings and that they seem to work very well for this project.

Commissioner Brown also noted that the Fayette County High students painted the other paintings.

Tina Brown gave the suggestion that the images be of owners and their new adoptive pet.

Commissioner Brown stated that could be added to the theme.

Dana Scott mentioned that there were several members of the Fayette Photo Society and the Peachtree City Photography Club present. She stated that they are planning to have meetings where they would take photos of the dogs and get them printed. She stated that if there is another median to get them photographed and shown to the public then it might be a way to attract people.

Commissioner Brown stated that the Animal Shelter is always looking for ways to attract people. He stated that there are several individuals and groups on Facebook that are doing a

great job with putting the information to the public. He stated that this project was gives a lot people the opportunity to use their art skills and the work can be rotated.

Donna Rosser stated that if there are photographers willing to come out to take pictures wouldn't the agreement be needed from the attorney.

Commissioner Brown stated yes the agreement would be needed. The Board is waiting to get that from the County Attorney.

Donna Thompson asked why photographers are locked into the agreement and not other artist.

Commissioner Brown stated that all artist would have to have an agreement.

Donna Thompson stated that if the images are not large enough to view from the road then it will not serve the purpose of being a draw for people to want to come visit the shelter.

There was further discussion of ideas for the Animal Shelter.

Kathleen Brewer, Fayetteville City Council, stated that she would like to look at the definition of public art versus art projects. (The rest of her comments were inaudible).

Donna suggested doing a mural instead of paintings to hang from the building.

Tina stated that a mural would get people's attention and bring them into the shelter.

There was further discussion.

The decision was made to have Public Works provide a six-by-four panel for the artists, and for the department to have the sample panels, the cost of the panels, and the diagram of the building ready for the Board's approval.

No official vote was made on this item.

7. Art Puzzle Project

Commissioner Brown updated the committee that the plan is to prepare this project to be placed on a Board of Commissioners agenda. He stated that Lori Thomas put together the cost of the paint and supplies estimated to be used for this project at \$194.99. This cost does not include the plywood. He stated that the plywood would be the standard four-by-eight size and that the company in Peachtree City has already agreed to cut the plywood for free.

Andrea Boswell suggested using foam instead because it is light weight.

Commissioner Brown asked if she would bring in samples of what she was referring to.

She agreed that she would.

No official vote was made on this item.

8. Discussion of ideas for Easter Egg project

There were no new ideas for this project.

No official vote was made on this item.

9. Discussion of mural for Crosstown Water Treatment Plant

Water System Director Lee Pope requested to have the Public Art Committee assist in having a mural painted in the inside of the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant.

The committee viewed photos of the walls at the plant to consider for the mural.

The decision was made to have Mr. Pope present at the next Public Arts Committee meeting to share his vision for the mural.

No official vote was made on this item.

10. Presentation of Parks & Recreation therapeutic art program classes

Fayette County Parks & Recreation Director, Anita Godbee and Debbie Parrish the Fayette County's Therapeutic Coordinator, presented the therapeutic art program offered at Parks & Recreation. They also introduced Misty Lackey, an art instructor at the Joseph Sams School, who instructs the therapeutic art program.

No official vote was made on this item.

11. Discussion of Art Contest for 2016 Inaugural AVPRIDE Hawaiian Run-Thingy

Commissioner Brown updated the committee that AVPRIDE works on mentoring programs, job skill programs and does a lot with youth in the community. He stated that AVPRIDE has wanted to do something with the run in relations to art. He stated that they approached him and asked if the committee would be willing to help facilitate the advertising for the art portion and judging of the student art contest. Commissioner Brown stated that the representative for AVPRIDE was not present at the meeting and that this was the only information he had.

He asked if the committee would like to participate in this project.

No one objected to moving forward with assisting with this project.

Commissioner Brown asked the committee to take the draft information provided to review, think about some suggestions for displaying the art and at the next meeting bring any suggestions.

12. Discussion of Peachtree City Elementary School project

Commissioner Brown stated that the school had some old murals that were being painted over in the cafeteria area. He stated that they would like to do some new murals there. He stated that they are trying to use the art committee as a resource to organize it. He added that they would like to have both high school and professional artists work on this.

Charlie mentioned that he would like to know more about this project. He asked what participation the Board of Education would have with this.

Commissioner Brown replied that the school can do their own thing at the schools. He stated that the Board of Education gives them a lot of latitude.

Andrea stated she did not believe the committee should get involved in school board business.

Donna Rosser agreed with her and stated that it is not considered public art.

Tina Brown stated that the committee is not a platform to leverage art and that it seems to be a platform for students to show their art. She felt this project would not be art that would show off the county and public art in the county.

Carol Carver stated that she agreed.

There was further discussion.

No decision was made.

13. Other project ideas

14. Questions/Comments

No date was set for the next meeting.

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned abruptly at 9:17 p.m.

Tameca P. White, Chief Deputy County Clerk