



Action Agenda

Public Arts Committee
February 22, 2016
7:00 P.M.

The Fayette County Public Arts Committee met in an Official Meeting on February 22, 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
Lori Thomas
Kate Hawkins

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 February 22, 2016 Public Arts Committee meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Because of the number of new attendees, Commissioner Brown asked that everyone introduce themselves.

Everyone made introductions.

2. Approval of minutes for January 25, 2016 meeting

Charlie Cave made a motion to approve the January 25, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Vicki Turner and was unanimously approved.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Update on the County Human Resource Department Photo Mural

Commissioner Brown updated the committee that the Public Arts Committee (PAC) is doing a mural of county staff from various departments in the Human Resource department to show Fayette County at work. He stated that the Board of Commissioners sent the photographer

agreement back to the County Attorney and that the agreement will be on the February 25, 2016 Board of Commissioners meeting agenda. He stated that the agreement is in the meeting package on the county's website if the committee would like to see it.

No official vote was made on this item.

5. Discussion of Art Puzzle project

Commissioner Brown stated that in the initial discussions of this project plywood was suggested. He stated that Angela Boswell suggested looking at using foam. He stated that his concern is that if anything is painted on the foam that it would pop and crack and would not last long.

Kate Hawkins stated that if enamel paint was used it should last.

Lori Thomas stated that she agreed that the committee would need to investigate the type of paint to use.

Commissioner Brown turned the conversation to Kate Laroy who is with the Horizon Theater, to discuss materials that she used from Home Depot. Kate stated that it is rigid and a little thicker and can be cut with a jigsaw.

Anthony Ballard stated that he is familiar with the material. He stated that he would get a sample of the material at the next meeting.

No official vote was made on this item.

6. Discussion of mural for Crosstown Water Treatment plant- Lee Pope

Commissioner Brown gave the committee background on the mural that was completed at the Crosstown Water Treatment plant. He informed them that the proposed new mural would be inside the building. He stated that the mural would be seen by those who tour the water treatment plant.

Lee Pope, Director of the Water System stated that he envisioned a scenery of a reservoir or a lake with a boat on top. He stated that the scenery could look like an aquarium. He stated that the ceiling tiles can be replaced with new light blue tiles to coincide with the scenery. He stated that the area is the first thing that people see when they enter the plant.

He continued that the plant is getting attention from around the country because of it is the only one with that has installed the latest technology in the plant.

There was further discussion.

The committee decided that it would assist Lee with this project by proceeding in the same manner as with the first mural. The committee would post a call-for-artist, establish a set fee to be paid to the artist, provide the supplies needed to complete the mural and provide for the cost of an assistant if needed. A suggestion was made to use the native fish in the scenery.

The project would be open to all artist and not just those who reside in Fayette County. There was no timeframe set to complete this project. Anthony will get the information for the ceiling

tiles and a project proposal would come before the PAC and then be presented to the Board of Commissioners.

The funding for this project would come from the Water System and will not be an Art Committee funded project.

No official vote was made on this item.

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

No representative was present to discuss this item. The committee agreed that they would work with AVPRIDE to support this event in 2017. It will be removed from the project list for 2016.

No official vote was made on this item.

8. Discussion of Peachtree City Elementary School project

Angie Thompson and Allison Elliott shared information regarding the history of Peachtree City Elementary School and the art that is in the building. Angie shared that the school is the oldest elementary school in Fayette County. She explained that the school was placed on a waiting list to see if it would be closed and the [School Board] has since decided that the school is the heart of the area and that they cannot close it. The school is now getting a new gymnasium in the summer of this year and there will also be new classrooms and a new media center.

Commissioner Brown stated that in his conversations with the principal, she was very enthusiastic about wanting to do something to brighten up the cafeteria/stage area. He stated it is not a large room in comparison to the other schools, but it is one of the largest rooms this school has. He stated that he thought it would be nice for the PAC to do a call-for-artist and have a mural placed on the central part of the wall and then have local artists do a civic art project and paint the other parts of the wall. It would be considered a community project.

Tina Brown stated that the one thing that concerns her about the suggestion is a disjointed appearance. She stated that she has seen where a profession plans the scene, paints a portion of it, the more difficult parts, and then plans it so that kids can come in and finish the mural in order to have a more blended project.

Kate Hawkins and Lori Thomas shared a project where they created a sound wall for the students to paint to be placed in the school. Kate stated that each grade painted one of the canvases and they placed them on the wall so that it looks like one mural. Lori stated that they got a carpenter to build frames to go around the canvases.

Lori agreed that the hodge-podge of different artist coming in could be a problem.

There was further discussion regarding this item.

Commissioner Brown requested that Angie and Allison present a one page white paper with photos and examples from other schools and get approval from the [school] administration and the PTO. He stated that if they approve then the PAC can help facilitate the project.

No official vote was made on this item.

9. Discussion of enhance of art display space at Fayette County Public Library

Commissioner Brown updated the committee that at the last meeting a discussion ensued regarding the display space at the Fayette County Public Library. Andrea Boswell, Commissioner Brown and Chris Snell, Fayette County Public Library Director, met to discuss options for the display space. Commissioner Brown shared images taken of the library and discussed what could be done to the area.

The question was asked who would manage the project once the work is approved.

Commissioner Brown stated that Building and Grounds would handle the construction and the art would likely be managed by the library. He stated that the Library Director makes the decision about what is displayed.

Donna Rosser asked if this committee would manage a similar project at another library.

Commissioner Brown explained that the other libraries are under the municipalities and this library is the county's fiscal responsibility.

There was further discussion regarding this item.

Commissioner Brown asked Phil Mallon and Anthony Ballard to provide cost estimates for this project and he would present it as his agenda item at the Board of Commissioners meeting.

Donna Rosser asked that the cost estimate be brought to the PAC before being presented to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Brown stated that would not be a problem.

No official vote was made on this item.

10. Approval to participate in the 2016 Market Day application

Commissioner Brown shared with the committee that last year the PAC participated in the Market Days hosted by Fayetteville Main Street.

He asked Vicki Turner how was the turnout for the events.

Vicki stated that it was slow. She stated that the committee needs to have more information and more people from the committee who will volunteer to help at the table.

Commissioner Brown stated that there is not a lot for the smaller children who attend the event to do.

Tameca reiterated that the participation commitment would have to come from the committee for the days that PAC will participate.

The question was asked if the committee could only do the first Market Day.

Tameca responded that is an option and is up to the committee to decide. The organizers of Market Day only want to know what days the committee would like to participate, it does not have to be all the dates available.

The first Market Day is scheduled for June 18. The committee agreed to commit to that date and the October 29 date to coincide with the Scarecrow competition and they would decide on the others at a later time.

11. Introduction of Chalk Art event in conjunction with Taste of Fayette – Heather Cap

Commissioner Brown introduced Heather Cap and stated that she has volunteered to lead this project. He stated that the proposed area for this project is the road between the Old Courthouse and the Methodist Church. He mentioned that Brian Wismer with Fayetteville assured him that he can arrange to have this project coincide with the Taste of Fayette and have that area available.

Heather presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Chalk Art project. She stated that this would be a community chalk art project that would pull from all people in the community; professional artist, amateur artist, students, parents and young and older people.

The scope of the project is for the PAC to provide the space and water soluble chalk (3 boxes each) and have people come draw in the spaces. There will be a “free draw” area for kids and the community can just show up and draw and also to have artist assigned spaces to produce a piece of art. The idea is to do the chalk art project for the first time with an event that is already well attended like the Taste of Fayette event.

Heather shared that signage to direct people to the chalk art area will be needed and volunteers for the event to setup, to designate the spaces and to actively monitor what is being painted.

The committee enthusiastically agreed to this project.

There was further discussion regarding this item.

Commissioner Brown stated that the PAC will be responsible for the funding for this project.

Commissioner Brown asked Heather to provide a list of everything that is needed with a cost association and send it to Tameca soon as possible. He stated that logistically the committee can continue to plan, but that he will need to present this to the Board of Commissioners.

12. Adjourn

Charlie Cave made a motion to adjourn the February 22 Public Arts Committee meeting. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2016.