

Public Arts Committee

Minutes

April 5, 2017

The Fayette County Public Arts Committee met in an Official Meeting on April 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Committee Members Present: Rich Brown
Heather Cap
Jennifer Johnson
Robert Johnson
Kate LaFoy
Donna Thompson

Committee Members Absent: Martha Akin
Jeff Mellin
Sam Patton
Roger Sibaja

1. Call to order by Committee Chair Donna Thompson

Donna Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Acceptance of agenda.

Robert Johnson made motion to accept the agenda. Heather Cap seconded.
Motion passed 6-0-0.

3. Approval of Minutes of March 20, 2017 meeting.

Heather Cap made a motion to approve the minutes. Rich Brown seconded.
Motion passed 4-0-2. (Abstain: Jennifer Johnson and Robert Johnson were absent.)

4. Guest Presentation.

No Guest Presentations.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Update and Discussion on Earth Day.

Rich Brown made motion to discuss. Jennifer Johnson seconded.

Heather Cap said we have a booth at the event. We are helping with a large mural and will also have a booth space. Jennifer Johnson said she has some good photos from last year's event.

Heather Cap said the Earth Day Committee would like to have those. Kate LaFoy said we will use recycled materials to allow children to make things. She showed an example of a flower made from a soda bottle. Heather Cap said we will make a mural from recyclables and showed a couple of examples made from plastic lids and soda bottle caps.

Heather Cap said the Earth Day Committee sent out a Call for a design for the mural; there were no responses. They are going to use the tree design being used in their advertising. There was discussion about the difficulty of sending information out and not getting any response for involvement.

Heather Cap said the Arts Committee will have a booth and we can do the flower project there with children. She also suggested having handouts for our other projects, ex., Chalk, Shamrock Arts, etc. She said the Earth Day Committee has an opportunity to do a radio spot. She volunteered to an interview talking about public arts and what we are doing with Earth Day. She is uncertain if or when that might happen.

Heather Cap said they need volunteers. Donna Thompson said she is available. Heather Cap said it is 10a - 3p. Heather Cap, Kate LaFoy and Donna Thompson will be there all day.

Heather Cap said they have pulled 10 55-gallon bags of recycling materials at the Recycle Center. She will get that next week.

No vote required.

6. Update and Discussion of Animal Shelter.

Robert Johnson made a motion to discuss. Heather Cap seconded.

Donna Thompson said there have been some changes to the project. The Shelter is going to get new Hardyplank. During the last discussion with the shelter director, the suggestion was to move the cut-outs to the grassy area in front of the parking lot. She took the concept to Peachtree City Zoning. They discussed considerations such as the right of way and sign ordinance.

There was another discussion with the director and staff and a different direction was determined. It is a silhouette of a dog and cat along with a heart between them that would be painted on the building. The director would also like help with a new sign. We now have the specs for the sign ordinance, such as recommended height and square footage for both monument signs and signage on the building. However, the same artwork that is proposed for the building cannot be duplicated on the sign. They could have the name of the business and maybe a paw print on the sign.

Based on a comment from the last Committee meeting, that we should put one up and see how it does, Donna Thompson said she wondered how the surface would hold up on one center stake. Kate LaFoy said she had seen this material stand up to a lot of abuse, but one center post would be different.

Rich Brown asked who would paint this on the building. Donna Thompson said an artist would. Heather Cap said this brings us back to Call for Artist.

Jennifer Johnson suggest doing a small three-foot fence across the front at the grassy area that had dog and cat figures on it. Donna Thompson said there was also discussion for the name of the shelter over the office door.

Donna Thompson said the director has asked about a mural for the front desk in their office (where they meet the public) and he would like for that to be a student project. He wanted help with the new sign and wants the sign moved closer to the driveway entry. Some believed the silhouette diminishes the value of the original project and others believed it would still be valuable as it would be a little more inviting and you would know what it is when you drive by. The goal would be to make it more welcoming.

Donna Thompson said they will revisit with the director on the exterior design, the sign and the mural and return to Committee.

No vote required.

7. Discussion of Animal Shelter Request.

Heather Cap called for motion to discuss. Rich Brown seconded.

Donna Thompson said she received an email from Jerry Collins at the Shelter. There are two fire hydrants at the Shelter that are not in service. He would like to have them painted to look more friendly and thought students might be interested.

Heather Cap asked if this was a paid project. Donna Thompson said that would be up to us. Heather Cap mentioned we have discussed this previously. Rich Brown asked if we have to do a Call to Artist, even if someone would do it for free. Discussion followed concerning the need to be open on the projects and publish them since we are a public committee. If there are no responses to a Call then we could take other options.

Heather Cap said she thought since he has asked for this specific project to be done we should move forward with it. There was discussion that there was no reason a student could not be paid. Robert Johnson suggested doing a small stipend along with expenses.

Donna Thompson will research the question if we can pay students and come back to Committee. Rich Brown said his students get paid for their work and some will be in the High Museum next month. Heather Cap also said her two children have been paid for their work.

No vote required.

8. Updates and discussion on Concepts.

Jennifer Johnson made a motion to discuss Concepts. Rich Brown seconded.

PopUps -

Robert Johnson recapped the project and that it came about since we don't have a place to exhibit art. He asked for everyone's thoughts. Heather Cap said we collectively loved the project. Robert Johnson asked if we would have to send an open call on each project or can we curate this. Donna Thompson suggested putting something out explaining project and asking for people to submit their info if they are interested. Jennifer Johnson suggested sending quarterly. Robert Johnson suggested if you don't get a response, then you could seek someone.

Kate LaFoy said it's smart to send these calls out as it will help build our network. Heather Cap added that it may also bring in submissions from other types of artists that we may not have considered yet. She said that when people come to the events then they post and talk about it.

There was discussion on the PopUps and how to do the Call to Artists, scheduling dates/times, and the question if we pay the artists. The PopUps can be spontaneous, aside from the five senses event that Robert Johnson has designed. Donna Thompson shared that she did a PopUp for the Wine & Warbirds event. Jennifer Johnson said there was a photographer who had a selection of photos of WWII jackets and combined with Donna's curated show it enhanced their event and didn't cost anything. Jennifer Johnson thought there could be many events out there the Committee could partner with. Heather Cap thought all of this could lead to people calling us to partner PopUps at their events. She offered to help with set-up, as did Kate LaFoy. Donna Thompson stated she has grid walls for art display. Jennifer Johnson mentioned there is no database for performers, cartoonists, chefs, etc, and if we had a database it might encourage more people to sign up as they might get other work as a result. Kate LaFoy said it is community oriented. That is not just the CVB, but also every convention that comes in town. Kate LaFoy said she would take on maintaining a database. Jennifer Johnson said this is not recommending anyone, just providing a database.

Robert Johnson said the action item is to write the Call and return to Committee. He asked if we would pay an honorarium. There was discussion on the importance of paying artists.

There is no vote.

Festival in Fayetteville -

Donna Thompson said they are still in the planning stage and will determine a date soon. Rich Brown suggested doing one day instead of two just starting out.

There was discussion concerning how to get artists involved and that there should be a community of artists who want participate. Several members shared about recent events in Coweta County that had strong local artist participation and drew lots of visitors to the area and also benefitted the businesses, many of whom participated in the events.

There is no vote.

Balloons over Fayette -

Donna Thompson said nothing new with this project.

There is no vote.

Proclamation -

Donna Thompson said she needs to get with Commissioner Rousseau to hear exactly what he wants. She understands he wants art on the Proclamation; it was not a request for updates to the typeset, etc.

There is no vote.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Heather Cap said for Chalk Art she needs to get two banners made. They will use the banners so people can find us. She showed an example of a banner with photos. There was discussion on the photos used and suggestions of which photos were better.

Donna Thompson shared information about the photography competition the Southern Conservation Trust is hosting. She mentioned the two projects proposed for the Board of Commissioners agenda - final approval for the Scarecrow Competition and a concept approval for the Lantern Parade.

Next meeting, April 17.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Heather Cap made a motion to adjourn. Jennifer Johnson seconded.

Motion passed 6-0-0 The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.