

Public Arts Committee

Minutes

May 3, 2017

The Fayette County Public Arts Committee met in an Official Meeting on May 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Committee Members Present: Martha Akin
Heather Cap
Kate LaFoy
Jeff Mellin
Sam Patton
Donna Thompson

Committee Members Absent: Rich Brown
Jennifer Johnson
Robert Johnson
Roger Sibaja

1. Call to order by Committee Chair Donna Thompson

Donna Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Acceptance of agenda.

Jeff Mellin made motion to accept the agenda. Martha Akin seconded.
Motion passed 6-0-0.

3. Approval of Minutes of April 5, 2017 meeting.

Heather Cap made a motion to approve the minutes. Kate LaFoy seconded.
Motion passed 3-0-3. (Abstain: Sam Patton, Jeff Mellin, Martha Akin were absent.)

OLD BUSINESS

4. Recap of Earth Day event.

Martha Akin made motion to discuss. Kate LaFoy seconded.

Heather Cap said we made a mural. It was mostly bottle caps and braided plastic bags. She thought it did really well. The mural was placed by the Fountain. Jeff Mellin said the mural was moved to Southern Conservation Trust and they will use with their summer camps. Heather Cap said we ended up with a plethora of recyclable supplies and those will be shared with others for summer camps. Several Public Works employees were great with collecting supplies. Heather Cap said she thought the Earth Day Committee liked it and they want us to do it again next year when it will be in Tyrone. She mentioned that Kate LaFoy did a project making a flower and it was something they could take with them. Kate LaFoy said it was like an educational project as people saw what we were doing and realized recyclable products could be useful

No vote required.

5. Update on Animal Shelter.

Jeff Mellin made a motion to discuss. Heather Cap seconded.

Donna Thompson said Peachtree City Zoning was ok with the design on the building. She said we need to decide if we want to move forward with the design and put it up for approval with recommended call to artist and artist fee. Mr. Collins also requested help with a new sign. Zoning will have to approve the sign. The design that will be on the building cannot be used on the sign as it then is viewed as a logo. The other consideration is the two fire hydrants. Donna Thompson said she asked County staff about paying high school students and was told they did not pay high school students.

Jeff Mellin asked if a date had been set for their renovations to the building. Donna Thompson said no, not to her knowledge. Jeff Mellin asked if the design would go up and have to come back down. Donna Thompson said the design will be painted on the building. Jeff Mellin asked if this is the appropriate time to put this out there. Heather Cap agreed. Donna Thompson said we can put it on hold until the renovations are done.

Heather Cap asked if they wanted a sign designed. Donna Thompson said they want a new sign that looks nice. There was discussion regarding how that process might be done and why the Committee would be handling it. There was a consensus that it is not an art project.

Martha Akin made a motion that the Committee not handle the sign. Jeff Mellin seconded. The vote was unanimous, 6-0.

Donna Thompson said the hydrants request was separate from the previous discussions. Heather Cap asked if they would still have the paint from the previous hydrant project. There was discussion on how to get students to do the project. Martha Akin mentioned school is about to end. There was discussion about waiting to the fall when school returns.

Heather Cap made a motion to hold off on both the building design project and the fire hydrant project until the Fall. Martha Akin seconded. The vote was unanimous, 6-0.

6. Updates and discussion on Concepts.

Heather Cap made a motion to discuss Concepts. Sam Patton seconded.

PopUps -

Heather Cap brought up the Train Depot in Fayetteville as a potential exhibit space. The Tyrone Depot was also mentioned. Donna Thompson will explore those options.

There was discussion about how we get the artists for PopUps and that we need to put a public call out to all artists to build a network of names so when the potential for a show comes up we have a list to go to. Heather Cap mentioned that the person who was leading this project is not going to re-apply for the Committee. Donna Thompson confirmed that. Heather Cap said we need someone to pick up that project. Kate LaFoy said she would take lead with the project. There was no vote.

Balloons over Fayette

Donna Thompson said we are doing the chalk mural. Heather Cap said we will do coloring as a secondary project. Jeff Mellin will assist with the coloring. Heather Cap said we need to know the set-up time and take-down time. She asked about a tent. Donna Thompson said the Art Committee has a tent and weights. Jeff Mellin shared his concerns for the length of time and the heat. Donna Thompson will find out the exact times and parking info. Heather Cap will get the chalk supplies and tent from Tameca.

There is no vote.

Proclamation -

Donna Thompson said Commissioner Rousseau asked if we would help design a new Proclamation. He wants some type of artwork on the document which could be something like the Courthouse or Starrs Mill. Martha Akin suggested the design as a shadowed effect on the page behind the words. There was discussion on how to best handle this request and it was determined the Committee would work on a few samples to review.

There was no vote.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Martha Akin made motion to discuss Other Business. Heather Cap seconded.

Resource List - Kate LaFoy said she is going to start data collection. She will put together a format to use and it will have different categories. She would like for the group to think of contacts they know that might be included in the list such as artists, community members of interest (people to help with marketing, etc.), and the viewers. Heather Cap asked if Kate would make the form where we can take it to events for sign-up. Kate LaFoy said it would be printable and email-able. Heather Cap suggested adding volunteer sign-up to the form. The form will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Information to Schools - Heather Cap has been able to find a way to get information into the schools. This will help us get information to the schools for their newsletter in a timely manner.

Procedures Review - Donna Thompson wanted to review a few procedural points. She asked members if they have an active County email and reminded everyone to check it. She asked members to respond to meeting reminders if they are not going to be able to attend and added that they could either call her, text her or respond by email. She said if we know beforehand that we will not make quorum, we can post a cancellation of the meeting at the meeting room door. She reminded members that we need volunteers and thanked those who have volunteered. There were two members who are at the end of their term and advised they were not reapplying - Robert Johnson and Sam Patton.

Member Resignation - Jeff Mellin stated that he is going to resign.

Response to Commissioner - Donna Thompson reviewed a response to Commissioner Ognio's comments at a recent BOC Meeting regarding an update on the Birdhouse Project, the potential for an Easter project and the prizes for Scarecrows.

Next meeting, May 15.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Heather Cap made a motion to adjourn. Martha Akin seconded.

Motion passed 6-0-0 The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Donna Thompson, Chair
Fayette County Public Arts Committee