

Public Arts Committee

Minutes

May 15, 2017

The Fayette County Public Arts Committee met in an Official Meeting on May 15, 2017 at 7:17 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Committee Members Present: Heather Cap
Robert Johnson
Kate LaFoy
Sam Patton
Roger Sibaja
Donna Thompson

Committee Members Absent: Martha Akin
Rich Brown
Jennifer Johnson

1. Call to order by Committee Chair Donna Thompson

Donna Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. One member was running late.

2. Acceptance of agenda.

Heather Cap made motion to accept the agenda. Kate LaFoy seconded.
Motion passed 6-0-0.

3. Approval of Minutes of May 3, 2017 meeting.

Heather Cap made a motion to approve the minutes. Sam Patton seconded.
Motion passed 6-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Update and discussion on Resource List.

Kate LaFoy made motion to discuss. Heather Cap seconded.

Kate LaFoy brought several draft documents to help collect data for an artist database. There are three different types of sign-up sheets for viewer/patrons, persons of interest or organizations to host events and artists. The information will be for the Committee's use. Kate explained the types of information each form would collect and how it could be used. There was discussion regarding the collection of data, where and how it would be maintained and who would have access to the data. It was determined there should be two members who have access to the data and the Committee would be the only user of the information.

Donna Thompson said if we issue a Call to Artists and get people to sign-up for the database and specify information that is of interest to them, then we have a resource we can go to for quick projects like PopUps. The question came up of how to get the forms out. Kate LaFoy suggested each member could share the forms. Donna Thompson suggested starting with a press release

explaining what we're doing and asking people to respond. Roger Sibaja suggested using a source like Google Docs/Drive. There was discussion. Roger Sibaja also suggested using the Committee's website and having the County set up the data collection and database. There was discussion about what could or could not be done. Donna Thompson mentioned several on the Committee tried to start this early on, but there was not much response. Heather Cap said we should use the County email which would make it look more official. Roger Sibaja said instead of making assumptions about what we can or cannot do we should contact the attorney with our intent and he can tell us what we can or cannot do. Donna Thompson explained it would need to go through the Clerk and Administrator first prior to the attorney. She also mentioned that any work that would be done our website will be charged back to us. Roger Sibaja said when he first signed up for the Committee he thought it would be a hub of information for art to the community and when people had questions they would come to us. He thought it should be one of our main purposes. Donna Thompson said she would put the question forward.

Donna Thompson said she would capture the comments in the notes and then find out what our parameters are.

Kate LaFoy said there are two parts to the project, the collection forms and the database. Kate LaFoy will update the forms and send them to Donna.

Heather Cap made motion to move forward to see if the database is viable with the County and if it is then move it forward and put the concept before the Commissioners. Robert Johnson seconded.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

5. Update and discussion on Concepts.

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

PopUps - Robert Johnson said he has been working on an artist call specific to a series on the five senses. The artists would need to be willing to demonstrate, display or perform their art. There would be five locations around the County. He said there would be a stipend to the artists. He suggested promoting through social media. Donna Thompson recommended doing a press release first. Robert Johnson shared his experience of riding the train home after work as he exited the train there was a jazz band playing and promoting the jazz festival. The band had a spin the wheel for swag as a way to attract people to come over. He will finalize the call to artists and write a press release to be reviewed at the next meeting. Donna Thompson suggested doing the five senses series as the big event yet also have the ability to do PopUps at other events around the County. Robert Johnson suggested having a sticker with a logo or something to give to attendees which could be used as promotion.

No vote required.

Proclamation - Donna Thompson is working on this and will have something to review at the next meeting.

No vote required.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion on Survey.

Martha Akin has an idea to do a survey to identify community interest in the arts. She was not able to be at the meeting and asked to put it on the next meeting agenda.

No vote required.

7. Discussion on Fayette Rocks.

Kate LaFoy called for motion to discuss. Sam Patton seconded.

Heather Cap reiterated an earlier comment that the Committee is beginning to get more requests to participate in other events. She said we originally did the painted rocks at an event as a secondary project. There is a lady named Wendy Gallacher who heads the Fayette Rocks Kindness Project and has been at several events around the County. She is going to be at Shamrock Arts on Sunday. Ms. Gallacher saw Heather's posts of #fayetterocks on Instagram and they made contact. They have discussed partnering at events. Heather will invite Ms. Gallacher to attend a meeting to share what she is doing and see how we can partner.

No vote required.

8. Discussion on PTC CVB Picnic in the Park.

Robert Johnson made motion to discuss. Heather Cap seconded.

Donna Thompson said Jennifer Johnson at the PTC Convention Bureau is hosting "Picnic in the Park" at Drake Field on Tuesday, June 13, 11a-3p. They are open to any art activities for children and families. The Southern Ground trailer will be there. The CVB will be sharing ideas for family activities this summer in PTC. Saville Studios will have canvas painting and face painting. There was discussion on what the Committee could do. Donna Thompson suggested taking a few grids, have children color a picture and put it up to make an exhibit and then they could pick it up prior to leaving. Heather Cap suggested painting rocks. Donna Thompson and Heather Cap will volunteer for the event and come up with something to do.

Roger Sibaja said he was noticing that we said the Committee was being invited to more events and that when they come up we are looking at each other to do all the work and that there are only so many people in the room that will be able or want to do it. Kate LaFoy said this is where networking comes in, as well as building the database. Heather Cap mentioned partnering with others, like the lady with painted rocks. Donna Thompson said she wanted to give Heather Cap credit as she had been at every event, as had Jeff Mellin. Donna Thompson stressed that when interviews are done now they share the importance of this being a working committee. Roger Sibaja felt we would not be able to grow if we were doing it all ourselves. Donna Thompson said we need to get people on the Committee more involved. Heather Cap stated we were not at the growth stage, but still at a foundation stage and our physical presence is important. Roger Sibaja said we need a plan for success. Kate LaFoy said we don't have the network yet, but we are working on that and in order to make art happen we have to get the info out there, it's also having people we can call. Heather Cap will contact Ms. Gallacher to see if she is interested and will let Donna Thompson know.

No vote required.

OTHER BUSINESS

Heather Cap made motion to discuss. Sam Patton seconded.

9. Volunteer Opportunities.

Shamrock Arts Celebration - Chalk Art

Donna Thompson said the Committee is doing a two-day Chalk Art this coming weekend and we need volunteers to help people get to their spot and make sure they have their supplies. Heather Cap added that we need someone to take some good photographs at the festival. Robert Johnson said he could help with the photographs. Sam Patton and Roger Sibaja said they could stop by later on Sunday.

Heather Cap brought two banners that were made for Chalk Art. Several members complimented how good the banners looked. Heather Cap said M&R Printing did the banners.

Balloons Over Fayette -

Donna Thompson said we are doing a chalk art mural in addition to coloring for children. The event is from 3:00pm until 8:30pm, but we can stop prior to that time. Donna Thompson said she and Heather Cap will be there. She said Jeff Mellin will also assist. No others volunteered.

10. Procedures

Donna Thompson reviewed the same procedural points with members who were not present at the last meeting. These included a question regarding if students could be paid (high school students cannot); status of county emails for members and checking those emails; committee meetings and the importance of responding to meeting notices if members will be absent because this impacts quorum and the importance of volunteering.

There was no Other Business to be discussed.
No votes required.

Donna Thompson said the next meeting is Wednesday, June 7.

Adjournment

Heather Cap called for motion to adjourn. Robert Johnson seconded.
Motion passed 6-0-0.