

Public Arts Committee

Minutes

July 17, 2017

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

Committee Members Present: Martha Akin
Heather Cap
Heidi Danis
Donna Thompson

Committee Members Absent: Kate LaFoy
Roger Sibaja

1. Call to order by Committee Chair Donna Thompson.

Donna Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Martha Akin made motion to accept agenda. Heather Cap seconded.
Motion passed 4-0-0.

3. Approval of Minutes of June 19, 2017 meeting.

Heather Cap made a motion to approve the minutes. Heidi Danis seconded.
Motion passed 4-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Update and Discussion on Concepts.

Martha Akin made motion to update and discuss Concepts. Heidi Danis seconded.

PopUps

Donna Thompson shared a handout prepared by Kate LaFoy which included the Application and an Overview. Martha Akin asked if the application was now active (could it be shared). Donna said no since it has not gone before the BOC for a final/budget approval. Donna said she checked on the procedure and the project will have to get the final approval and then once a selection is made for participants, that will also need to be approved by the BOC.

There was discussion about the content of the documents. Heidi Danis asked who would do the judging. Heather Cap said while we would make the selection it still has to be approved by the BOC. There was discussion about the application and it was agreed that the application could be used for any PopUp, not just the Five Senses event. Donna said that by issuing the Call to Artists (application) now we can build our database of artist information so we have something to go to with any PopUp and not have to send a Call with each event. Heather said that when she started Chalk Art she used a lengthy handout of information and then with time that information was reduced in size.

Heather Cap suggested taking the document home to review it in more detail. Donna Thompson said everyone could email any suggested changes to her and she would include in a revised document and have a new copy to review at the next meeting.

Heidi Danis asked about the locations for the PopUps and if they would all be here at the County complex or spread throughout the County. Donna said they will be working to have these events in different places through the County. Heidi asked if anyone was keeping a record of the events we are involved in. Donna said they do have a recap document and it will be discussed later.

Heather mentioned that in the past we have not had enough volunteers at our events and when you're doing the work it is difficult to track attendance. Heidi mentioned asking the artists to assist with volunteering. Donna stated the resource list will help with building a source for volunteers. Heather shared copies of the forms for sign-up for the resource list.

No vote required.

Proclamation

Donna Thompson said she was able to get some direction from Commissioner Rousseau. He wants to consider an update to the Proclamation that is more artsy and he will share with the Board for consideration. Donna had examples of a couple that he had seen and liked. The work on those examples would require a graphic artist. There was discussion about what the current Proclamation looks like in comparison to the examples and if this should be handled through a call to artists with some type of compensation. The group decided on \$250 as a suggested fee to have this work done. Donna said she will share the information with Commissioner Rousseau and see how he wants to proceed.

Heidi Danis made a motion to recommend discussing with the Commissioner a plan to issue a Call to Artists for the redesign of the Proclamation and offer a \$250 honorarium and if he agrees then submit for Concept Approval. Heather Cap seconded.

Motion passed, 4-0-0.

5. Update and discussion on Lecture Series.

Heather Cap made motion to update and discuss Lecture Series. Martha Akin seconded.

Donna Thompson shared that the first Lecture has been confirmed for Saturday, September 16 at 10:00am at the Fayette County Public Library. The guest lecturer is Dr. Donna Jackson who is the Principal at the Jackson Elementary School of the Arts in Jonesboro. Donna said she had seen some of the work done through this school in both visual and performing arts. She added that she is currently waiting on a bio for the speaker along with information on the talk and then she will prepare promotional materials.

Heidi Danis asked how the invitations would be sent out and how the lecture would be advertised. There was discussion on promoting this and other lectures. Heidi also asked about using Evite to send information out. Heather shared how she creates a half-sheet promoting the upcoming projects for the Committee. Donna said she is working the other lectures, but nothing confirmed yet.

No Vote Required.

6. Update and Discussion on Resource List Database.

Martha Akin made motion to discuss Resource List Database. Heather Cap seconded.

Donna Thompson shared that at the last meeting Kate LaFoy had provided her with the forms to accompany the submission for approval for this project. The project was sent back to her with the recommendation to outline the information and send to the Administrator who would share with the Board. Donna has completed this task. She said we are now able to move forward with the database.

No vote required.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Discussion on Current Projects and New Project Ideas.

Heather Cap made a motion to discuss current projects and new project ideas. Heidi Danis seconded.

Donna Thompson provided a recap of current projects - Heather is leading Chalk Art and Earth Day; Donna has Lecture Series and Lantern Parade; Kate has Database and PopUps; Martha is leading Survey and Scarecrows; Donna is a participant with the Balloons over Fayette Committee and Heather participates with the Earth Day Committee.

Martha Akin said she will provide an update of the Survey at the next meeting. Donna said they do not have anyone leading the Birdhouse Project. She will put Birdhouses on the agenda for the next meeting.

Heather Cap said we are scheduled to do the next Chalk Art in October. She will work with Main Street to make certain we are on their schedule. She is doing Chalk Art at an event at the Library on Saturday and wants to create a flyer for the next event to take with her. There was discussion about what should be included on the flyer.

No vote required.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Discussion of Other Business.

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

Volunteer Opportunities:

Donna Thompson shared the upcoming volunteer opportunities:

Scarecrow Set-up, Sat/Sun, October 7-8 - Signed up are Heather, Kate, Donna, Roger

Chalk Art, Sat, October 21 - Signed up are Heather, Kate, Donna

Market Day Trick or Treat, Sat, October 28 - Signed up Heather, Kate, Donna

Donna said that Market Day could be done in shifts. Martha said she would be able to help with Scarecrow and Chalk Art.

New Banner

Donna said that Heather had shared some of the photos she had from previous events that can be used with the creation of a new Banner. Donna will work on preparing the photos.

Lantern Parade

Donna said she has not been able to confirm sponsorship of the Lantern Seminar. She said she and Heather plan to attend and asked if others were interested. Martha said she was interested and Heidi was also interested. Donna will try to get confirmation of the sponsorship and get it scheduled. Those who attend will assist with hosting workshops.

Annual Update

Donna said she created a document listing the projects the Arts Committee has been involved in during the past year. All were impressed with the list of projects handled. She said it has been shared with the Commissioners, Administrator and Clerk. She is now going to share with other key people throughout the County.

Presentation of Certificate

Donna presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Heather Cap from the Fayette County Public Library for Heather's participation in the NASA Live Link program they recently hosted. Heather did chalk art at the event.

No Votes Required on any of these topics.

Next Meeting

Donna said the next meeting is Wednesday, August 2.

Adjournment

Heather Cap called for motion to adjourn. Martha Akin seconded.
Motion passed 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned 9:00pm.

Donna Thompson, Chair
Fayette County Public Arts Committee