

Public Arts Committee

Minutes

August 2, 2017

The Fayette County Public Arts Committee met in an Official Meeting on August 2, 2017 at 7:02 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Committee Members Present:

Martha Akin	Kate LaFoy
Heather Cap	Roger Sibaja
Heidi Danis	Donna Thompson

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

Heather Cap made motion to accept agenda. Martha Akin seconded.

Donna Thompson said we need to amend the agenda as there would be a guest presentation and there was an additional item for Other Business which was a potential school opportunity.

Heather Cap amended her motion to accept agenda with the two additions. Martha Akin amended her second.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

3. Approval of Minutes of July 17, 2017 meeting.

Martha Akin made a motion to approve the minutes. Heidi Danis seconded.

No discussion.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

4. Guest Presentation

Heather Cap made a motion to open the floor for a guest presentation. Kate LaFoy seconded.

Heather Cap introduced Wendy Gallacher, the President of the Fayette Rocks Kindness Project. She said we have partnered with her at some recent events.

Wendy Gallacher gave a presentation regarding the Fayette Rocks Kindness Project. The project began with a person painting rocks with inspirational messages on them. When others began finding the rocks the originator realized others needed this type of random act of kindness. She said this is a combination of art and community service. They now have ten gardens, but she wants to focus more on placing rocks in random places. Their next event is at the Fayette Courthouse on Sunday, August 13 at 2:00pm. This will be open to the public to help paint the rocks and then they will be placed around the City. The concept is to create a rock, keep one and share one.

No vote required.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Update and Discussion on Concepts.

Heidi Danis made motion to update and discuss Concepts. Heather Cap seconded.

PopUps

Donna Thompson stated that Kate LaFoy had prepared the necessary documents for the project and they were reviewed at the last meeting. There was additional discussion of the Application, Project Review and Press Release and suggestions were made for a few changes.

Heidi Danis asked about the distribution and who we will send this to. Donna said she has a list and there are other lists we can share to. Donna explained that the Committee's Database list is just now being put together, but social media will also be used. Heidi asked if these lists were County only. Donna said the lists have a wide distribution and are not limited to the County.

Heather Cap asked what our next step is for the project as we are not ready for distribution. Donna said the concept approval was very generic, but since Kate has prepared a budget we can submit it as a final approval. Kate said she will do the edits and get the copies to Donna. Donna said we can submit it for the August 24 BOC meeting and the submission deadline is next Wednesday, August 9. Donna said the attorney will need to review.

Heather Cap made a motion that we submit this PopUp Project after it is edited for a final approval with the Board of Commissioners. Kate LaFoy seconded. Donna Thompson added that the attorney approval is necessary.

Motion passed, 6-0-0

Proclamation

Donna Thompson stated there were no updates on this project.

No vote required.

6. Update and discussion on Lecture Series.

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

Donna Thompson said she received the information from Dr. Jackson who will do the lecture on the importance of the arts in education. Donna shared the handout she prepared for the lecture. Heather Cap said she wished we had participated in the Back to School event and we could have shared this lecture information there. Heather said she would like to share copies of the handout and Donna is going to send the Jpeg file to her. Donna will get copies to the Library and also get the press release distributed.

Heidi Danis asked since this is an arts event will it not go to the same distribution lists we discussed earlier. Donna confirmed it would and said it is not limited. Heidi asked what the lecture series would look like going forward. Donna said we have four approved for this year and shared the topics. Heather Cap said she has other potential contacts for one of the topics. Heidi asked if there was anything on music. Donna said the topics were decided by the group and this was the first year it had been done. Donna said that she will put music on the list to do in the future.

Heather Cap made a motion that we move forward with advertising for our first lecture. Martha Akin seconded.

Motion passed 6-0-0

NEW BUSINESS

7. Discussion on Survey.

Heidi Danis made motion to discuss Survey. Heather Cap seconded.

Martha Akin provided an update that in earlier meetings we were discussing the status of the arts in the County. Martha thought we could do a survey of attitudes and awareness about the arts in our community. She came up with a few questions and asked for input. The first question asked if you knew there was a Public Arts Committee. She said she wondered how many people know we exist. The next question was if you attended visual or performance events in Fayette. Also, if you attended visual or performing arts events in other areas — do you go to Atlanta to see the ballet, the symphony, etc. Martha said the last question was what would you like to see more of with regard to the arts in this County — installations, sculpture, performance art, functional art, etc.

Heather Cap suggested using the same list of categories for the last survey question that Kate had used for her PopUp application. Martha asked if we still want to do the survey. Donna Thompson said she thought it was a good idea and it was discussed after the committee was first formed. Heidi Danis said she believed there was a need for a survey to understand what they community wanted. There was discussion on how to obtain a mail list to forward the survey and the various ways we can collect data at events. With regard to an action plan, there was discussion on the ability to use SurveyMonkey and Donna will check on that.

Donna said that we need to get an approval before the Board, but since there is no associated budget need with this project we could move forward with a final approval once we have the question answered about SurveyMonkey.

Heather Cap made a motion to forward to the BOC for final approval for the Survey contingent on the answer to the SurveyMonkey question. Martha Akin seconded.

Motion approved 6-0-0

8. Discussion on Current Projects and New Project Ideas.

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

Donna Thompson recapped the current projects: Chalk - Heather; Lecture - Donna; Lantern - Donna; Database - Kate; PopUp - Kate; Survey - Martha; Scarecrows - Martha; Balloons - Donna; Earth Day - Heather.

Donna said she has been asked about Birdhouses and we need to decide what we want to do. Heather Cap shared a history of the project for the newer members. She said the Birdhouse project was never designed to be a build project, but it was similar to the rocks project, where you decorate a birdhouse, register it and place it either publicly or at your home. The person who came up with the project left and there was only one event done after that. There was discussion regarding the first Birdhouse event in Tyrone, which turned in to a build event because the material and labor were donated. Heather asked what happened to the donated birdhouses in Tyrone and at the Southern Conservation Trust. Donna said Tyrone was waiting for donated posts that had been promised and

she didn't think they had received the posts. Donna said the Trust does have donated birdhouses that are not painted.

Heather suggested we go back with Tyrone and the Trust and work with them to get the existing Birdhouses put up, take photos and begin to revitalize the project. Heather said we should allow people to bring birdhouses to any of our events and we can tag and photograph them and keep the ones being donated.

Donna said the Trust has a number of unfinished bat houses and birdhouses in addition to some of that had been donated. The Director mentioned an upcoming event and said we could do the birdhouses at that event.

Martha Akin asked if we need to do this now or put off until early next year. Donna said they need to be up before Spring. Heather said we could re-launch at the Trust event and suggested regenerating interest through social media. Heather volunteered to lead the Birdhouses and Donna said she would help.

Heather Cap made a motion that the Committee reenergize the Birdhouse Project and move forward with it. Martha Akin seconded.
Motion passed 6-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Discussion of Other Business.

Heidi Danis made motion to discuss Other Business. Martha Akin seconded.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Donna Thompson updated the upcoming volunteer opportunities:

Scarecrow Set-up, Sat/Sun, October 7 (10-4) – October 8 (12-4) - Signed up are Heather, Kate, Donna, Roger, Martha

Chalk Art, Sat, October 21 (9-5, setup 730-8a) - Signed up are Heather, Kate, Donna, Martha

Market Day Trick or Treat, Sat, October 28 (setup at 8a; 10-4) - Signed up are Heather, Kate, Donna

There is an additional event on October 26-27-28 with a special event at the Trust. Donna said they don't have details yet specific to times. We can do the lanterns at this event.

Kate LaFoy said she will be working Scarecrows on Sunday only. Roger Sibaja said he is involved in another event and does not know how much he will be involved with that event.

Lantern Workshop

Donna Thompson said she will work on setting up the workshop.

Project Recap Report

Donna Thompson said she forwarded the project sheet with a variety of people and shared the comments she received.

School Opportunity

Donna Thompson shared information about an email she was copied on from Peachtree City regarding an inquiry from Atlanta Bread about help with putting together a student art competition. Donna responded to the rep from Atlanta Bread, but has received no response.

Banner

Donna Thompson said she is working on the banner.

Donna Thompson asked if there were any items for discussion.

Heather Cap said she would like to get our events on the various calendars that are published across the County and mentioned the community calendar managed by the Chamber and also the events calendar with the PTC CVB. There was discussion about the importance of advertising our events as broadly as possible.

Adjournment

Heather Cap called for motion to adjourn. Martha Akin seconded.
Motion passed 6-0-0. Meeting adjourned 8:56pm.

Donna Thompson, Chair
Fayette County Public Arts Committee