



Minutes

Public Arts Committee
September 7, 2016
7:00 P.M.

The Fayette County Public Arts Committee met in an Official Meeting on September 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Committee Members Present: Rich Brown
Tina Brown
Robert Johnson
Jeff Mellin
Samuel Patton
Donna Rosser
Roger Sibaja
Donna Thompson
Heather Cap

Committee Members Absent: Vicki Turner
Charlie Cave

1. Call to order by Committee Chair Donna Thompson

Donna Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Acceptance of agenda.

Roger Sibaja made motion to accept the agenda. Jeff Mellin seconded. Motion passed 9-0

3. Approval of Minutes of August 15, 2016 meeting.

Roger Sibaja made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Donna Rosser. Motion passed 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Report from Committee Chair of preparations of materials for Board of Commissioner approval requests.

Robert Johnson made motion to discuss. Heather Cap seconded.

Donna Thompson presented the items to go before the Board of Commissioners at their next meeting. Other items would be brought up in the Other Business Section.

Vote in favor to end discussion, 9-0

5. Discussion of Scarecrow Project promotion and procedures of the event.

Rich Brown made a motion to discuss. Tina Brown seconded.

Heather Cap will lead the Scarecrow Project. Build days are October 15 & 16. Committee members are asked to sign up for a block of time to help. The judge will come from out of the county. October 29th from 5 to 6pm there will be an awards ceremony at the complex.

The committee felt that to do this project well and take it up a notch, the planning should start months in advance, not the few weeks we have. Since this is an annual project, and now that the new committee has completed initial tasks, which can be achieved in the following years' events.

Vote to move forward with the project, 9-0 in favor.

Donna Rosser stated the need for the committee to develop an email list to promote all events and invite participation.

6. Discussion of Birdhouse Project promotion and procedure of the event.

Robert Johnson made a motion to open discussion. Rich Brown seconded.

Plan is to partner with other entities in the county. Jeff Mellin mentioned the enthusiasm in Tyrone for the event. Brand – tagline – Art is Home in Fayette. Need for a hashtag and Facebook page to act as a landing point for interested parties; share birdhouse facts, plans, ideas. Each house can be registered with the county and receive a number and an “Occupancy Permit” for the owner.

Vote to move forward with the plan and discuss in depth at next meeting, 9-0 in favor.

New Business

7. Discussion of new project ideas.

Donna Rosser made a motion to open discussion. Tina Brown seconded.

Ideas: high school seniors paint their parking spaces, Create a survey for residents and one for students to see what they would like to see, build on the “Art is Home in Fayette” brand to create interest in residents collecting art of all kids and price points, invite art

principals from the Atlanta area for a lecture series to boost idea of collecting and learn more about art – collecting, displaying, curating a collection in their homes. Rich Brown wants us to be mindful of other arts – music, performance, spoken word.

Donna Thompson asked the committee to come prepared to discuss more ideas for projects at the next meeting.

Other Business

Tina Brown made a motion to discuss Other Business. Heather Cap seconded.

Donna Thompson reported on an allegation (several emails/one author) claiming the committee had gathered without public notice (unpublicized meetings, social or otherwise). The officers have responded to questions from the County and no violations have been noted. The Clerk's office responded to one of these inquiries quoting OCGA stipulating the definition of "meeting" with regard to social events.

Adjournment

Rich Brown made a motion to adjourn. Heather Cap seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

Donna Rosser, Secretary
Fayette County Public Arts Committee

Donna Thompson, Chair