



## MEETING MINUTES

### Public Art Commission

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Members Present: Scott Mumma – C, April Dunn – VC, John Foster, Margo Pemmaraju, John Foster, Melissa Jackson

Members Absent: Terra Mills

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair – Scott Mumma at 6:35pm with a quorum present.

#### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from 1/08/20 motion: Margo 1<sup>st</sup> by Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> and all present approved.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR

April was nominated by Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> by Margo and received four votes. Scott nominated John 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy and received two votes.

Motion for April for co-chair: Margo 1<sup>st</sup> by Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> and all present approved.

#### CALL TO ARTIST – TOWN CENTER PIECE JANUARY 2020

Have cluster of flowers and have height not accessible to children. Drill holes where existing holes are and bolt to ground. 5 in of rim and fill with white rocks for aesthetics and to weigh piece down. This is not exact. He is going to do a metal base with the 5 in rocks. If wind blows and the kids climb on it still needs a bolt down to the ground and he is willing to do that. Still concerned about the height. There is risk no matter what. Place up the stanchions. Have lower flowers and higher ones. He predicts it to be 8 ft high. Has 12 sunflowers. Not concerned about the height we will rope it off. He can leave the natural color of the metal or he can paint it yellow. Can do multi colors and whatever we want. He can weld it quick. Presenting to commission a piece similar on a metal base with potentially different colors. Would prefer yellow but would like to see any color. Have it a little more whimsical in front of DPK. Great to see it weathered instead of painting. If it moves to a park having color would be nice. Is early April for an install date ok? First meeting of March to present in front of the board. Need a firm time from him for install. Ideally, before Hello Huntersville. Any concerns? No. Let's try to get an estimated weight. Would be a great greenway piece. Motion voting to select Benny for the Town Center 2020 piece: April 1<sup>st</sup> by Margo 2<sup>nd</sup> and all present approved.

April will notify Benny and reach out to other submissions to let them know.

#### CALL TO ARTIST – GRANT ELECTRICITIES

Bricks. Sent to Joanne Miller and Kathy Jones to proof and give a thumbs up on history. Have not received an answer back. What kind of timeline are we looking at. If we approve today we can send out tomorrow. It is more a request for ideas instead of an actual call. Need to look at a target date. We need to update the info still. 30 days is plenty. We can look at having this close by next meeting. Grant is for \$5,000. Our April meeting we can ask for final drafts and vote on it for that time. By first week of May we could potentially send to the board for approval. Installation would be by the end of the year. Weather will play a role and the ideas will dictate how fast the project can be installed. Is OHHS going to sign off on it? They will be involved next meeting. We want their feedback and for them to be involved. It sounds good to do the initial stages timeline. We need to use the money by the end of the year. A year is an appropriate timeline. Due date for submissions will be March 9. April 6 will be the final selection. April 20 will be the next board meeting.

What are the distribution channels? We can decide to keep it local or expand it. We keep it residing in NC or working in NC. No harm in opening it up. What is the difference between a request for ideas compared to a call for artist? Will need the artist to follow up on the idea that is submitted. Can put it in the North Meck papers to ask for more ideas. We don't know what can be done with them. Have them submit a formal proposal and open the call along with opening an idea submission line. Do we need to do a request for artist? You can have an idea and not be an artist. Open it to anyone for an idea. Once we have the idea, then open it up as a call for artist to match the idea or put their own spin on it. Give the idea person a plaque. Take the money out of it. We want people to respond. It is very confusing. Your assuming your getting money for the idea. It needs to be clear the budget for the end piece is x amount. Be mindful when picking the ideas that it needs to be doable in budget. Stay with artist only and a call only. Don't go the idea route. Like the idea of someone from the public coming up with the idea and working with an artist to make it happen. We can reach out to the school groups and ASC. See if they would be willing to work together.

Planters would be a good idea. There was the idea of a seating area. There was another idea of a mock of the icehouse. There is a good amount bricks there. We need a mason artist. We can send out an inquiry to landscape companies. Working with bricks is technical. Landscape companies can come up with unique ideas. Would be nice to stay with local Huntersville companies. Not a lot of material cost. It is just knowing how to use it. Will send to all the schools in Huntersville since we are just looking for ideas. Going to mention it to North West Arts School as well.

Will the local newspaper let us have some space. We can send a press release and if they have a slow week they may put it in.

Will re write it and bring it back for next month before distributing. John will get school contacts and landscaping contacts in 3 weeks. He will reach out to NW School of the Arts. Will have for next month meeting. Table.

#### UPDATES/COMMENTS – CHAIR

Photo of the homegrown art program that went on last week. They had 10-15 different artists presenting. Had artist meeting with people. Had quality art. Can use as an example for what we plan to do at the Arts and Cultural Center.

Did get some new artists for the mailing list.

February 28 is the public engagement for the N Meck Rec Center. Two artists from 6p-7p. Have some nice plans for exterior and interior designs. It will be at Bailey Middle School.

Torrence Creek jury on the lighting of the tunnel. Narrowed to 5 artist that are coming back in March to finalize the person.

#### ATRIUM PIECE

Went down through the tiles and talked to Grace on progress of items. Finalized on signatures and items we need to do. Grace is ready to go. Took a couple pictures of the tiles that stood out. A lot of colored tiles. Will come down to location and how tiles are placed. Tiles have been fired and are ready to be placed. We are on track. Installation date late April and unveiling is Hello Huntersville.

#### HPAC MASTER PLAN

Gathering numbers for the master plan to put in with the budget. Nothing was presented during the retreat. More on this next month.

#### HELLO HUNTERSVILLE

What ideas do we have? The person who does the chainsaw at Primal. Can we do something completed on site but have the rough started beforehand. Need to find an artist to do it. What are we doing at our space? Have some street painting in the new parking lot. Chalk designs would be another good idea. Big massive bubbles for some color. \$10,000 in sponsorships to work with at the event for this year. ASC at \$5,000 is confirmed and Novant at \$5,000 is confirmed. We are going to do the mosaic bench again. We need to pick a bus stop location. What about a piece of art that can be displayed in town hall? We can just need approval. We can do what we did last year with the artist that was at the booth. We need an artist willing to create a piece and potentially start with piece and finish for install after. The large mural painting (publicly colored in) is great to do and display somewhere. Company creates the signs and banners and sends them. Used to hang them in Waymer. Then had no indoor facility space to display. Have a local artist do a canvas paint by number. Place them all together to form one larger piece. Different pieces of wood that people have colored and painted on. Each tile is it's own art. As you step back it makes a bigger picture. Looking to do the event on 115. Look at having a bus stop shelter over the benches.

Any plans out for the 2040 plan? We are looking for what the future is. Looks like more zoning. Can put the banner at the rec center if we had a wall big enough. Maybe make a smaller one so we can put it to a wall. Maybe have smaller sizes but many of them so lots of people can participate.

What was the contingency plan for sidewalk chalk? Rain or shine. We can throw tents up. We pay regardless whether it rains or shine. They may keep the deposit only knowing we would book them again in the future.

Let's look at doing chalk art on the outside of the Arts and Culture building. We can look at painting the parking spaces. We can look at doing invisible art so it shows when it rains.

Call to artist for the mosaic bench for next meeting. Follow up for paint by number mural.

Have just an artist there to create a piece for the town. Finding someone to commission a piece. Start with a number and negotiate to what we can afford to pay.

Do we have the mailing list broken out to Huntersville and where their location is? Yes. We can send out inquiring for a quote on a piece. Reach out to Emily Harris. Maybe look at high school and college students. They are great resources. It would be great to do a painting of something that is historical where it actually isn't there anymore. And place the art work next to the current place that stands now.

We talked last meeting about the wood carving clubs. The next event from the Charlotte Woodcarvers Club Annual Meeting is next weekend and maybe we can look at resourcing one of the wood carvers to come out and do a piece. Saturday 8a-4p. Sunday 10a-4p. April and Scott showed interest in going. Can collect some business cards and add to the list. CPCC has the wood working club.

#### SPONSORSHIPS / 2020 EVENTS

Sign-up sheets for events for the year. Look to see what are the best ones to be represented. Hello Huntersville, Christmas, Halloween and movies in the park. There are a lot to consider. LaLaCaboosa, jazz & once a month to the market for presence. Wouldn't do the movies since they get there closer to dark. We can send around the sign in sheet. Let's just do what we can and commit ourselves to get out in the community. The big ones we should do. If your free then come and show up. Let's get the list around so we can sign up.

Giveaways for donations. Shirts may not be the best way to go. We need to find something else like the car magnet idea. Let's come up with different logos using the H. Come up with a few different ideas. Go off the existing one. Everyone can put forth one idea. Can do fundraising and raffle prizes.

There being no other business to discuss – motion to adjourn: April 1<sup>st</sup> by John 2<sup>nd</sup> and unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m.