



MEETING MINUTES

Public Art Commission

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Members Present: Scott Mumma – C, John Foster – VC, April Dunn, Ingrid Hooks, Nancy Neely, Margo Pemmaraju

Members Absent: Melissa Jackson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair – John Foster at 6:32pm with a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from 2/13/19 motion: April 1st by Nancy 2nd and all present approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Grace Stott came to meet the commission since she was chosen to do the Atrium piece.

MOSAIC BENCHES

Laurie Griswell from Novant was present at the meeting to discuss the benches as one of the sponsors.

Teresa Hollmeyer was the only response to the call. She is a local artist from Charlotte. She submitted two different images. We have the ability to do two benches thanks to Novant (sponsorship) and ASC (grant). The first proposal was the “H” with trees. The second was the “H” with sunflowers. Her letter of intent stated she worked with mosaics for a number of years. She did a piece last year that is located at HACC called “Polly Loves to Dance”. She is very well versed in mosaics. She works with the community to piece it together and works with internal staff for install. She has a template and almost does a “paint by number” for the community to come up and place the pieces to help create it. Different images of Teresa’s work were submitted for the commission to view (ASC, skyline of Queen City, dogs, in home installations, shower glass, owls). She does a lot of nature/landscaping mosaic work. These two images of the sunflower and trees with the “H” will be placed onto the backseat of the bench viewable from 115 (S. Old Statesville Rd).

Novant branding for the bench: they would like to see it on a plaque in the corner of the mosaic. Under their sponsorships they will receive location next to the artist and bench being completed at Hello Huntersville, announcement of sponsorship at the event, and have a plaque on/near bench. ASC will be on a similar plaque design (comparable to Novant) for the second bench.

Novant selected the sunflower design. The green tree design and the sunflower design will have different hues of the colors to make them stand out. The artist will shape the mosaic pieces prior to bringing them out for the event.

One bench will be located on north bound side of 115 (HACC side with a 2'x7'x2' concrete pad and retaining wall). The second will be located closest to the grass area right on the sidewalk on the south bound side of 115.

Novant wants to do "Novant Health" spelled out on the plaque. It needs to go to their branding team to be given the "Ok" before going forward. The plaque can go next to the bench, on the bench, on the mosaic in the right hand corner, etc. Novant wants to see their logo on an image in the corner.

Novant looked at the location sides for the benches and selected the HACC side / 115 (north bound).

April motioned to choose Teresa Hollmeyer and her two submitted designs for the mosaic benches at the bus stops on 115. Nancy 1st and Margo 2nd with 5 yes and 0 no.

This goes to the board meeting on Monday, March 18 at 6:00p for final approval.

UPDATES/COMMENTS – CHAIR & GRANT WITH ELECTRICITIES

Town manager (Anthony Roberts) came to speak on the ElectriCities Grant. We are looking to do the \$5,000 grant. We did apply and we are providing more details to see if we can secure this grant. \$5,000 is a match (can be labor, materials, etc.). There is a \$10,000 grant that is no match. However, you can not apply for the \$5,000 in the same year you receive the \$10,000. This grant may have a lot more towns applying for it.

In Cornelius, the grant was used for the humpty dumpty piece, dancer in front of Rite Aid, multipurpose items (flower bike racks) and murals for the art center windows. Multiple pieces throughout the gardens and parks came along overtime.

Chair (Scott Mumma) joined the meeting.

There are more than one \$5,000 grant. The grants to apply for are basic and easy. ElectriCities serves a lot of towns. The more people we bring downtown the more meters turned for them. So these grants being given back are to help the tourism. Man hours and in kind donations do qualify for the matching part. The \$10,000 is a new grant that has been released. The deadline for the \$10,000 grant is April 15. A special meeting may need to be called if we decide to go after that grant and don't get the \$5,000.

HACC has a lot of potential especially with the bench going at the bus stop. We can potentially use the grant to do murals on the outside of the building. Would like to make it more art focused with art exhibits. The building has good parking, is a prime location, and needs an identity. We can feature local artists and make it a meeting destination. Educational components of the arts can be utilized in the building. Parks and Recreation has tried to do some art classes with few sign ups in the past but if it becomes a more focused area with the outside and the indoor offerings, we can have a lot to provide to the community in the building.

It took Cornelius about 15 years to get started with the art scene, introduce it to the community and the community to embrace what it is today. Started with classes through the parks and rec department and then progressed into the various pieces through the grants.

Going to look at creating a sponsorship line specifically for the arts where sponsorships raised and checks coming in goes to that line account. Businesses would make the check payable to "Town of Huntersville" and in the memo section write: Art Commission. The commission will be working to create the sponsorship levels and it will be able to be sent out to businesses.

ASC Update: ASC council coming to present at the Monday town board meeting on 3/18 at 5:30p regarding funding. The other topic is a proposal for culture blocks. It is free programming that is accessible for all age groups. They ask the community what they would like. There would be a certain amount of programming that are plentiful through the county. Huntersville is a dark area for these culture blocks. The culture blocks come out every week. It can be ballet classes, Clayworks, African American drumming, etc. They are funded by Mecklenburg County. These are great for areas that don't have access to cars or to Charlotte. The goal is to reach out to underserved communities. We can also utilize Veterans Park for amphitheater performances.

ATRIUM INSTALL UPDATE

Grace Stott chosen for the Atrium piece came with more information for the commission. She selected Todd Stewart. He does fabrications & sculptures. Grace and Todd's meeting talked about doing a 3D model to help everyone see the piece and understand it a bit. Looking at making the loop that goes around the tile piece kinetic. It will be about 2 1/2 feet around the tile piece. Has to consider that the piece may move to fast. It would need to be made heavier to rotate slower. The piece is the Atrium logo. The colors will be different tiles that are made at the activations.

On the ground would be something solid (concrete stand / base). Can try to make the whole thing move so it moves slower it would be heavier. All four sides will look the same. It will look more like a pyramid. Need to make sure something forms to their logo on the piece whether it is in the shape of the logo or the tiles show their logo. We have different options.

The piece would be a hollow structure with steel, cement board, tiled over with the community tile. Grace will put peek-a-boo tiles throughout the piece along with the ones from the community. The Atrium logo is fun to bring to life through the pyramid like design. Grace does not want everything to spin separately. Would want the piece to spin all together or just the top only to spin.

With this piece we need to be careful because the more we have the piece move the more there is potential for it to break. The piece spinning together would make it heavy and prevents anyone from running, jumping and swinging fast on it. The space between the different levels will have to watch for safety concerns with heads and hands/fingers. The lighter the piece is made the better it will be long term. There is a lot of weight with the pieces of tiles.

Two months until Hello Huntersville with one meeting before then. Grace is going to do a 3d model before the next meeting with 3 options. One with full kinetic, one with part kinetic and one not kinetic. Grace will bring Todd to the next meeting to discuss further on the kinetic piece. Another call with Atrium will be scheduled to discuss further budget for the piece for stipends to Grace, Todd and the actual piece.

HELLO HUNTERSVILLE UPDATE

Different performances on the stage with Irish dancing, hula girls, local orchestras and a capella. Community and hands on projects include 3d interactive murals, mosaic benches, art canvas lessons,

ceramic art, tile activations, and local vendors who sell their items in different artistic mediums. Roaming entertainment interactive for the community to join in on includes African American drumming, Bach to Rock, hula hooping, strolling puppeteers, jugglers, ribbon dancers, aerial CLT, living statues, and flute players. Food trucks, breweries and wineries will be out to the event as well.

This event is moved to Veterans Park and provides more room than the old 115 layout. People attending will park at the parking deck, Holbrook Park, churches, Huntersville Elementary School, etc.

The commission will be out on the grounds next to the Atrium activation. Looking to do a mailing list and reaching out to potential artists who are willing to come out for free. Going to come up with other ideas for the booth.

A local artist, Emily Harris, submitted sketches for the front of the HACC building. One was cotton for the past mill community. The second was a modern neighborhood with lots of houses and trees. The third was of business history past and present with Anchor Mill and the tracks. To mural on the outside of the HACC, it would need to be completed in plywood and sealed. These can be placed up and removed as needed.

Overall thoughts – they are great ideas. The commission would like to get an overall vision for the building and want to figure out the direction they are looking to go first before jumping into accepting these sections of art.

Update on Guinard property mural: due to the fire the artist is waiting a few weeks before following up again on the mural update.

Wood work artist did live work at Primal Brewery and the commission received his information to potentially do an outdoor wood piece in the downtown area. Commission to continue networking and connecting artists back to our meetings.

There being no other business to discuss – motion to adjourn... April: 1st, Melissa: 2nd and unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m.