



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Public Art Commission**

**Wednesday, June 13, 2018**

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

Absent: Margo Pemmaraja

Guests: Anna Robinson - Atrium Health

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Alison Ahrens, staff liaison, at 6:32 pm with a quorum present.

#### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

No minutes to approve due to first meeting of the Commission.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

#### INTRODUCTIONS

John – Part of the Huntersville Chamber and owns Fosters Frames. BS Industrial Art.

Scott – Works for PSAV operate out of Western Hotels in uptown. Provides event technology services for meetings/events. Great Grandmother was leading Canadian Folk Artist. Aunt owns gallery's in Beverly Hills & SOHO.

Nancy – Minor in studio art. Opened Noda art Gallery – Beet Contemporary Craft & Functional Art

April – Public Accountant. Enjoys art history and extensive travel to study art (Europe & North America).

Ingrid – PGA broadcaster. Sees art in other downtowns across the country. Volunteers at HES.

Melissa – BS in Communication Studies. Member of HOA board. Likes to be outdoors with family.

#### BYLAWS

- Discussed the responsibilities of the commission and no funding from the town is provided
  - A. Scott asked how we handle COI/liability when taking on art pieces

B. Questions on how to maintain pieces with no funding

1.) Partners for parks suggested for money raised into an account to use for art (must check to make sure conditions would apply to how commission sees funds being used). Making the commission a 501c3 suggested. Partners for parks is used for parks and will need to be used in a park setting.

C. Questions on grant opportunities and sponsorships to help fund pieces – Anna Robinson from Atrium discussed the tile projects with other towns (Rock Hill) and looking to do more in this direction of Mecklenburg County. They are willing to fund a project that matched their vision as well as ours looking for implementation in fall of 2018.

- Discussed the responsibilities of membership to the commission with year terms and expectations of attendance at meetings
- Discussed the officers to be elected (chair / co-chair) their duties for the commission along with meeting times and passing out the dates for all meetings through May 2019

ELECT CHAIR & CO-CHAIR

- Votes for Chair were John Foster (John declined but would accept if no one else wanted to be chair), Nancy Neely, Ingrid Hooks & Scott Mumma
- Votes for Vice-Chair were John Foster
- 4 votes were placed for Scott Mumma as Chair
- 5 votes were placed for John Foster as Vice-Chair

VISION OF DOWNTOWN HUNTERSVILLE (JACK SIMONEAU - PLANNING DIRECTOR)

- Opportunities for art within the redevelopment of the downtown area including sidewalks, medians, round-a-bouts, diverging diamonds
- Presentation attached

EXAMPLES OF OTHER TOWN ART

- Alison passed out examples of art in other towns (sculptures, interactive art, greenway art, night time art, murals, kinetic installations, private sector art), along with an interactive piece quoted by local artist Bree Stallings at \$14,220.00 and one in kind offering of a stainless steel American flag for the caboose at Veterans Park.
- Interactive piece quoted by Bree Stallings was of interest to Atrium. If the commission chooses to look at bringing the piece in they would approach Anna for sponsorship on the piece. Atrium would need branding recognition through colors, plaques, etc.\* video of piece to be sent to commission.

## STRATEGIES FOR THE PAC

- Narrow in on one idea to start implementing
- Scott asked to consider making sub committees to tackle sponsors, grants, etc.
- Look for grants from the National Endowment for the Arts
- Look at creating a survey for the community for input once the commission has their foundation set
- Discussion of additional meetings at someone's house or restaurants was discussed. All meetings need to go through staff and be advertised as public meetings at a public venue.
- Make a private Facebook page for the commission members to start to exchange ideas seen on the road in other towns or articles to share
- Look at getting involved with CMS for projects and possibly other towns (Cornelius/Davidson)
- Using the vision of downtown presented by jack – start focusing on areas to bring art to: bus stops at the senior center/HACC, round-a-bouts, entryways to downtown, way finding signs, sidewalk art (Main St.), art on utilities, tunnels of the greenway
- Focus on bringing pieces downtown before expanding the vision to parks or other areas of the town

There being no other business to discuss... April: 1<sup>st</sup>, Melissa: 2<sup>nd</sup> and unanimously the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.