



MEETING MINUTES

Public Art Commission

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

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

Members Absent: Nancy Neely

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair – Scott Mumma at 6:30pm with a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from 3/12/19 motion: Ingrid 1st by Melissa 2nd and all present approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ATRIUM INSTALL UPDATE

Motion and vote to change agenda for Todd and Grace to present first. John 1st / Melissa 2nd and all present approved.

Atrium asked that the commission take the lead on the project. The commission will work with Grace and Todd on the Atrium project and the install. Kinetic mosaic sculpture is what the piece is called. A model was created so all present could see how it pieces together, what it looks like and how it moves. The model helps figure out the scale and how it needs to be constructed. It needs to be 8 feet tall to fit all the tiles.

Todd works full time for the public art for Meck County. Has worked with places to fabricate and install pieces in the southeast part of the country. Todd will be doing more logistics on the fabrication so that it is durable and safe.

Images showed 5 different units where three spin. The top will have a locking key stone. The core structure of it will have a hardy board, concrete panel, be hollow and merge to an aluminum piece. Will work with a structural engineer to make sure everything is sound. Will need a 5 in aluminum tube in the foundation and through the piece itself. 2 and 3 inches between each block. Different bearings will be present and none will sit on top of the other. All the same materials will be used throughout the piece. Lazy Susanne bearing will roll 360 degrees within each other between the different blocks. Will need to watch weight for the construction of the piece and will need to watch how the weight is distributed.

Materials to be used: aluminum angle, plate and tubing (corrosion resistant), alloy 6061, Durock cement board, Red Guard waterproof membrane for the tiles so it protects in front of the grouting and cement, and lazy Susan bearing. A fork lift will be needed for install.

Making a sculpture like this kinetic is very difficult and to keep it from not breaking. The goal is to keep the mechanics simple. The blocks will be heavy to turn which will protect it from people coming up and spinning them too much and too fast. This is similar to the weight and spin of the globe at Veterans Park.

Each block is 18 inches high. Cast in concrete at the bottom of the block. Footing will need to be about 18" inches deep and 42" wide. We would need to tear up the bricks and relay them. A meeting with the internal maintenance team will be had to gain their opinion on the install of the project as well.

A concern regarding the size of the piece for the area that was voted upon will need to be reevaluated with the commission and atrium and will need board approval. The piece is large and wide. Pulling up the pavers in the plaza and having to put them back down will be difficult. This piece will also obstruct the view of the Christmas tree and most of the area.

We can look at doing more than one piece to spread the tiles out so the first piece is not as massive. We need to look and see what other areas in the town Atrium would consider to approve. We do not want to go any higher than 8ft. We can look at cutting down the tiles and do less to make the piece shorter. We can look at using 300 tiles to the piece and the rest to the ground as a side walk mosaic. We can use the 200 tiles elsewhere. Splitting up 500 tiles would be ok.

We are going to look at the lunch area outside of the building to move the piece to. Look at engineering consult for free. Need to break down the numbers more (itemized). Atrium is coming back with what they spent budget wise. They are calculating their side and will let us know what is left to use for the project.

Engineering questions: What size foundation is needed to support the piece? Assist with diameter for the center pole based of foundation and all elements? Is the weight an issue? Each bearing will only support its own block weight in between. Bearing and the weight will need to be determined how far out the block goes and how big the individual block is.

Subcontractors looking to be used in the project: Engineering: Bulla Smith Design, Foundation & Install: Fairwood Construction LLC, Specialty Fabrication: Freedom Metals Inc.

Timeline: Schematic Design: 4/9/19, Final Design: 5/21/19, Fabrication: 6/1/19-9/30/19, Installation: 10/1/19-10/4/19, Final Deadline: 10/11/19

The tiles are floor grade. Grace will be making her own tiles for the piece as well to add in addition to the communities pieces. Around 12-24.

Sponsor line for art was created so the commission can accept checks to fund projects.

UPDATES/COMMENTS – CHAIR

Sponsorship levels created by the commission to promote areas for public art.

Purpose:

- Promote areas of opportunity where public art will positively impact the immediate environment.
- Engage the public and private communities in influencing the identity of the Town of Huntersville.
- Raise funding to cover the cost of public art projects.
- Promote area citizens and private investors through recognition programs.
- Stimulate awareness of the Town of Huntersville's identity and vision.

Areas of opportunity with town owned properties around the downtown section. Roundabouts, i-77 sound walls and under pass. End of the greenway trail in the downtown area. Grand Oak public art. Take advantage of arts in our parks.

Sponsors projects:

- Sculpture Garden in town parks and recreation areas
- Huntersville Greenway; Input from Greenway's Committee
- Sports Sculpture at HFFA and/or Recreation Center
- Murals: HFFA/Rec, Arts & Culture Center, Private Property with Consent, Parking Garage
- Sidewalks: Hollywood Star style, Mosaic,
- Lighting: Parking Garage, A&C Center
- Mosaic Benches around town.

Sponsorship costs:

- Benches: \$5000.00 per, how many bus stops in Huntersville?
- Sculptures: \$20K-\$100K based on location, design, cost of materials, etc.
- Public Murals: 1K-100K based on location and size
- Individual Sponsorship: \$10.00 minimum for auto or glass sticker of logo?
- Greenway can be a full package or split among sculptures and murals (benches?).
- Lighting: 10K minimum plus maintenance

Joint meeting with greenway commission with how we can incorporate art.

Marketing: door to door, flyers, eblast, parks and rec, social media, table at events.

Chair going to dive deeper into creating levels. Need a few more sessions to look at the levels as a commission.

MOSAIC BENCH UPDATE

Benches were ordered and will be delivered the April 29. Sand tan rock legs and bottom. Teresa provided invoice. Subway tiles for Novant plaque. They want etched plaque.

Concrete pad 2-3x 8x 2-3. Retaining Wall block Arts and cultural. All should be completed by the Hello Huntersville.

GRANT ELECTRICITIES UPDATE

Approved for \$5,000 matching grant. Application is very general for improvements to downtown area. We need to do a call for a piece. Alison to get updates from Town Manager regarding requirements. HACC is something we would like to slow walk on adding to that. Working with the Greenway Commission should be a high priority. Alison will talk to Tracy about getting on the next agenda. Holbrook Park is forgotten about and we can look about doing something there as well. Doing lighting on the parking deck is very expensive. Look at lighting requirements in the town.

HELLO HUNTERSVILLE UPDATE

Sunday, May 5 / 2-6p. Will be a tent for HPAC. Send layout of event to the commission. Organize the tent section for maps, upcoming projects, cards to hand out, and information sheets.

\$200 – Commune and Paint w/ Nye- Illustrated. John going to look at sponsoring him.

ASC Culture Bites: Met with ASC and will hold the event on Thursday, August 8. We would like the commission to be a part of that event.

Come out to the jazz events. We look at art as not only pieces but also performances.

There being no other business to discuss – motion to adjourn... April: 1st, Margo: 2nd and unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m.