



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Public Art Commission**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2019**

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

Members Absent:

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair – Scott Mumma at 6:34pm with a quorum present.

#### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from 4/09/19 motion: Nancy 1<sup>st</sup> by Melissa 2<sup>nd</sup> and all present approved.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### UPDATES/COMMENTS – CHAIR

Still working on sponsorships. Busy with what we have and making the projects on the table a priority. Next month we will focus on sponsorships at the meeting. Would like to make more benches at the bus stops as a sponsorship option. We have sidewalks, HACC, the round-a-bouts, mural potentials. A great location for a mural would be across from Food Lion. An archway leading into downtown is another idea. In the immediate future, we would like to implement the sponsorships by next year. The mural completed was on Guinard properties. The artists and Charles worked together to make it happen. We need to have short and long term focus for projects. The bigger the project the longer it will take to find someone to sponsor it because of how much it costs. The parking garage, the greenways, and other items have lots of opportunity. Want to talk to Electricities regarding lights on the parking garage. Town Manager wants to wait on the parking garage due to some anticipated construction on the vacant land in front of Town Center. Slides will be put together on sponsorships for next meeting to discuss more.

#### ATRIUM INSTALL UPDATE

Spoke with Atrium about doing a sponsorship check and cut the final amount so artist could be paid and move along with the project. Atrium is talking to the finance section to be able to cut that check so artist can rework the project into the final amount left. A professional is going to install the piece along with having an engineering approval. Due to the size of the piece, an external install company is recommended. A contract will be created for the artist and Atrium separately going forward to deal with the funds and movement of the project. Todd has reached out to an engineering business. Todd does

need payment to continue to move forward. As soon as an update from how much money is left from Atrium and how those remaining funds get distributed, we can then move forward on the project. We still need to figure out where the piece is going to go and how it works. We might need to take out the kinetic part to make it more affordable. There are ways to bring the cost down. There will be a separate company to fabricate the project. We need to know what the project is going to weigh. The problem is making the piece kinetic. We need to have a contract in place and to get the funds to help us go forward. Todd has used the engineering company for past projects. We need to consider not making the project kinetic. No matter what we do we need a fabrication company. The project for Rock Hill was on the simple side. We brought this piece to the next level with a kinetic aspect. We are waiting on more information on marketing and activation to see what those costs are from Atrium. More activations are on the plate through the summer. The placement of the piece will depend on the weight. We need to receive an ok from Atrium on the movement and new placement of the piece.

#### MOSAIC BENCH UPDATE

HACC side is complete and benches are set to be in tomorrow on both sides. One more month for any mosaics to be put up and in since the artist needs to finish it. End of June is the goal. Novant & ASC plaques are sent for print and will take 15 days to receive.

#### GRANT ELECTRICITIES UPDATE

On the greenway agenda for next month. Talk about opportunities with the Greenway. Any ideas how to spend the \$5,000 for the grant? An artist at Hello Huntersville has some bird house that can be placed up on the greenways. We can do a couple murals for \$5,000? The greenway gets a lot of good traffic and more at the entrance of the greenways. Outside of the greenway what else can we do?

Look to do some art on the jail property with picture opportunities “behind the bars” or a sculpture.

Rich’s piece was taken a look at and he is going to rework it but make it 8ft high and not kinetic to reduce safety concerns.

#### HELLO HUNTERSVILLE REVIEW

5,000 people. What else can we add to it for next year? The artists that were on the grounds had great interaction with the community. Need to request a time lapse of the piece from the painting that was done at the Art Commission tent. Talk to him and get to see if we can have that in our possession to place up. Every art station needs someone out there saying come participate. Everyone was looking at what to buy instead of what is free to do. There was a lot to do for free. Kids love the roving entertainment. Have more of that next year. Have an artist do a poster/marketing for the event. Have more marketing for the event with banners on the west side. More advertising up to 73 and Birkdale. Larger banners would help. The name doesn’t communicate what the event is. Hello Huntersville sounds like an intro to the community. The middle of the lawn was empty and will need to fill in more with activities. Need to look at getting the crowd up to 10,000. What do we want the event to be – have a vision and meet it.

There being no other business to discuss – motion to adjourn... April: 1<sup>st</sup>, John: 2<sup>nd</sup> and unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m.