



MEETING MINUTES

Public Art Commission

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Members Present: Scott Mumma – C, John Foster – VC, Nancy Neely, Margo Pemmaraju,

Members Absent: Ingrid Hooks, Melissa Jackson, April Dunn

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair – Scott Mumma at 6:33pm with a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from 7/10/19 motion: Margo 1st by Nancy 2nd and all present approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MEETING DATE CHANGE

Reschedule meeting to Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30p motion: John 1st by Margo 2nd and all present approved.

UPDATES/COMMENTS – CHAIR

Arts and Science Council proposed tax. Handed out Q&A on the tax and how it is going to be spent to have the information available and be educated in case anyone asks. Tax is looking to go from .725 to .750. Food is excluded and so is gasoline.

\$50 million generated annually

- \$22.5 million to ASC
- \$17 million to greenway commissions
- \$8 million to education
- \$2.5 divided to towns in county

Good percent of the increase is being paid by tourism. Read through the information so we can help educate those who ask. Friday, August 23 in Charlotte at 8:30a will be the latest update on the tax. Will be outlining promotional plans. Light breakfast served and plenty of parking. RSVP to Ann Parker to go. Looked at increasing the tax a few years back and wasn't supported.

Looking to replace Rich's piece. Wanting to do a call for artist for the new Town Center piece for January 2020. Going to reach out to Rich to give him the option to bring another piece out in the meantime. The new piece has to be a donation/in-kind since there is no budget for it. Will draft a mock CTA and fill in

what the visions are at next meeting. Networking is going to be the best for these type of pieces and reaching out to the connections we have. Rich's piece was fragile so the guidelines need to reflect a piece that is taller and sturdy. We can look for something temporarily until the Christmas tree goes up (will reach out to Rich).

GRANT ELECTRICITIES UPDATE

OHHS gave the ok to seal and do a call for artist for the Ice House bricks. We will be looking at how many can actually be utilized and create the call for next meeting to finalize. Will go and take photos of the bricks and location as well. The old jail being a historic site is harder to get a piece placed and OHHS would like the bricks to be as close to the original site as possible.

We need to look at locations of the piece carefully to make sure we take into consideration a plaque to the ground and work with plans from OHHS for their history walking tour. Will reach out for some pictures for the call of the ice house. We can look at a mock ice house as well depending upon what the artists come up with.

Can we look at having the piece in the center of the lawn? It would be better to not obstruct the view and utilize the other location options where the mulch beds are by the stage. Next to the stage is more ideal if the center can't be worked out. The size of the piece and what it is will determine location.

Was given a sample of sealant and coated it to two bricks. Worked out well and made the exterior solid to help slow down further damage and crumbling. The matching side of the grant will be fulfilled by volunteer hours of sealing the bricks, volunteers installing with the artist, etc.

ATRIUM INSTALL UPDATE

Waiting to hear from town lawyer on the contract. Meeting with Atrium next Thursday as Matt will replace Anna. Anna moved to a new position. There are 500 tiles completed so no new activations will be needed. Looking at the reveal date for Hello Huntersville 2020 since the timeline continues to backup. We want to make sure we don't restrict the artist from completing the job fully and to satisfaction.

MOSAIC BENCH UPDATE

The first bench of the trees is completed. Artist is working on the second bench of the sunflowers. Should be completed in the next few weeks. Hopefully installed by our next meeting. Once that is complete we can look at doing sponsorships for more benches around town. The benches don't have to be all mosaic. Some can be murals, metals, and different mediums.

There being no other business to discuss – motion to adjourn: Margo 1st, John: 2nd and unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m.