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**Public Art Committee  
MINUTES • April 21, 2014**

**Present**

Verna Muthoni  
Anne Wallace  
Susan Gibbs  
Stephanie Coulibaly  
David Robertson  
Carolyn Cruse  
Vicki Turner  
Rich Brown  
Vanessa West

**Staff**

Steve Brown, Chairman  
Tameca White, Deputy County Clerk

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**1. Call meeting to order**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

**2. Introductions**

The committee started the meeting by introduces themselves.

Verna Muthoni, Retired Library Administrator, Storyteller, Art Appraisal

Anne Wallace, Retired Children Librarian, Southern Crescent Storyteller

Susan Gibbs, Retired Art Teacher

Stephanie Coulibaly, Clayton County Public School Art Teacher

David Robertson, Art Degree from SCAD, graphic arts, landscaping, building and architectural photography

Carolyn Cruse, Real Estate Broker

Vicki Turner, Commercial Artist, Artist, oil paintings, acrylic, water paintings

Rich Brown, Clayton County Public School Visual Art Teacher, pottery

Chairman Brown recapped the discussion from the meeting on March 13 and provided segue into the PowerPoint photo presentations.

### **3. Committee members to present possible art sites and projects within Fayette County**

Vicki Turner, Chairman Brown and Rich Brown each presented their ideas. Cherri Brown sent her photos, but was absent from the meeting.

Vicki stated that one of her presentations is an old truck that one of the local judges asked her if it would be public art. She stated that she took the picture to bring to the committee.

Chairman Brown stated that the truck is where the Truett's Luau is at the Chamber of Commerce. He stated that the tree is actually planted from the bed of the truck.

Vicki gave some history on the truck. She stated that this would be a different twist to added public art to a roundabout.

David stated that he also had a copy of this picture that he made into a HDR picture. He stated if you were to put the photo against a white background it would really make the photo stand out and you could see the rust from the truck and all the natural colors.

Chairman Brown asked if he would bring the photo to the next meeting.

David stated that he would.

Anne stated that she sees the truck as a great opportunity to tell the story of the truck and how the man sat out and sold his products.

The committee shared possible ideas for the truck which included adding lights that changed colors.

Vicki continued the presentation with a photo of a wall that is located on the side of the building where Twisted Taco, Hwy 85 and Hwy 54 are located. She stated that it is the back side where the dress shop was located. She stated that there is a lot of traffic that would see it. She stated that her next photo was of a banner on the light pole.

Chairman Brown asked Vicki if she knew how much it would cost to purchase banners.

Vicki stated that she is not sure. She stated that she is working with Dell Georgia and he sends them out to be made now.

Chairman Brown stated that the banners could be of themes.

Vicki stated that Main Street was hoping that the artist would pay for half and that way it would be advertising for the artist.

Vicki stated that her next photo was the park benches. She stated that the good thing about starting with a park bench is that it is easily accessible, more than the side of building which would require getting scaffolding.

Chairman Brown stated that he believes the benches in the photos have rubberized finish on them which would be an issue with the paint.

He continued that he thought about the utility boxes as a possible project.

Vicki stated that she would start with the benches and start at the Old Courthouse since they look rough.

Chairman Brown asked the committee if they would be willing to take a look at the fountain in the Administration Complex parking lot and get some ideas on ways to fix it up.

The committee agreed.

Stephanie stated that we could add some type of structural piece coming out the water with possible mosaic around it. She stated that it is easy to get the community involved in something like that and that she has been eye-balling the fountain for some time now.

Chairman Brown stated that maybe after the meeting the committee can go take a look at the fountain.

The committee agreed.

Stephanie asked if there was still an ordinance that the aesthetic features in Fayetteville have to be 1940 to 1945.

Chairman Brown answered in the historic district, maybe.

Stephanie then asked if all of downtown Fayetteville considered historic.

Vicki answered yes.

Chairman Brown asked Vicki if she knew where it stopped on Hwy 85.

Vicki responded that it went to Georgia Avenue.

Vicki stated that her next photo was the side of Michael's Art & Craft store. She stated that there will be a road down the side of Michael's and that the side of the wall would be a great place for public art.

She stated that the next photo is near the train depot across from Georgia Salvage. She stated that there used to be a billboard there, that the county did away with billboards in Fayetteville, and now there is an empty wall.

Chairman Brown asked how does the historic district play into what can be done there.

Vicki stated that as far as the design, she is on the committee with Fayetteville Main Street and she thinks they will be fine with it; however approval will have to come from the owners of the buildings.

Chairman Brown stated that Cheri Brown could not make the meeting, but that she talked about getting the schools involved. He stated that she wants to know if there are ways to get the schools involved and extracting creativity from the young people.

Chairman Brown stated that his photo is of New Hope Primitive Baptist; one of the oldest structures in the county. He stated that it has some problems.

Vicki asked if there was a committee that is working to do the restoration.

Chairman stated that he is working on that as well. He stated that he believes the storytellers will come in handy for this project and so will the artist. He stated that we really need to restore this building. He stated that this is history that you can touch.

Verna stated that there is a program where they will give money and help veterans to rebuild their homes. She stated that they may be willing to help with the restoration if contacted.

Chairman Brown stated that we need to contact them. He stated that it is no longer a church and they have given it to the community center across the street from the church. He stated that the community center is listed as a Limited Liability Company so that those who donate can get a tax credit.

Chairman Brown stated that the next photo is the water tower view with his back to the church and he is looking at the water tower. He stated that the blue skirt of the tower is the canvas for the community. He stated that he is thinking that the skirt should contain historic photos and tell the story of this community.

Vicki stated that this tower is very tall and she wanted to know how the committee would get the images on the tower.

Chairman Brown stated that this is why he thought the wrap would work better. He stated that way when it gets old you can simply remove it from the surface and it would not do any damage to the tower. He stated that is talking to the Fayette County engineers about putting in a raised sidewalk and to add small planters along the sidewalk.

Vicki asked if there has been an estimate on how much it would cost to restore this building.

Chairman Brown stated they are still working on that.

Chairman Brown stated that his next photo is of roundabouts.

Vanessa stated that we want to make sure we show that we are a progressive community. She stated that we are historic, but that with Pinewood coming to Fayette County we want to continue to show that we are growing.

Stephanie asked what the budget for public art was.

Chairman Brown stated that there is not one and if we work to come up with good ideas and proposals we can get people on board.

Chairman Brown stated that other possibilities are Hood Avenue and State Route 92 which will have roundabouts there.

Rich stated that since we have a lot of water in the area, his idea is that there could be water structures in the water, like the Loch Ness monster. He stated that the kids would go crazy over that. He stated that it can be done with a photograph or someone could paint it.

Verna stated that she is concerned that children will try to climb it.

Rich stated that it is in the water.

Verna stated that would not stop the children.

Rich stated that it would not be three dimensional.

Rich stated that the next photo was made with plastic cups and can be changed out. He stated that the other photo was of a library and the other is of Lake Peachtree. He stated that you could put Big Foot on the other side to have interaction.

Stephanie asked if Peachtree Parkway was county property.

Chairman Brown answered that Peachtree Parkway is in the city limits of Peachtree City.

Stephanie stated that different cities have different animals, but that we could have like the animal on parades down Peachtree Parkway. She stated that we could have sponsors by businesses to draw interest. She stated that we could use deer.

Chairman Brown asked if there was anything else that the committee wanted to address.

Vanessa stated all of Tyrone. She stated that the park and downtown Tyrone specifically need some attention.

Chairman Brown stated that Tyrone is in the middle of trying to figure out what to do. He stated that they like the small town feel.

Verna stated that she has an idea about the Home Depot that when we speak to them we put it out there that we would say that the donations were given at the generosity of the Home Depot.

Chairman Brown stated absolutely.

Stephanie stated that she was also thinking about planters at the corner.

Vicki stated that at the courthouse we had planters on the Hwy 85 side and someone has to water them and they die when not watered. She stated that they were also stolen.

Chairman Brown asked the committee to take a look at the red box at the corner of the parking lot. He stated that he is very irritated by that box and if the committee could come up with some decorative ideas for that box.

Chairman asked Vicki to contact some of the business owners of the buildings that she presented.

#### **4. Group Discussion**

After a brief discussion the committee agreed to meet on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for the next meeting.

Chairman Brown left the committee with the following assignments:

- Check with building owners about permission for projects on their buildings.
- Bring ideas for the Fayette County fountain renovation.
- Bring ideas for a water feature for the lake(s).
- Do “something, anything” creative to the reddish box at the parking lot entrance.
- Drive to the roundabout on the northern portion of the Veterans Parkway (aka West Fayetteville Bypass).
- Need a creative idea for the roundabout.
- Bring ideas for the New Hope water tower project (history)
- Do your research, take photos, do mock-ups.

#### **5. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:32 p.m.

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Tameca P. White  
Deputy County Clerk