



## *Minutes*

Public Art Committee  
August 4, 2014  
7:00 P.M.

The Fayette County Public Art Committee met in an Official Meeting on August 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

**Committee Members Present:** Steve Brown, Chairman  
Cherri Brown  
Carolyn Cruse  
Anne Wallace  
Neal Peeples  
Vicki Turner  
Charlie Cave  
Cheo Waters  
Kate Hawkins  
Randy Willilams  
Verna Muthoni

**Staff Present:** Tameca P. White, Deputy County Clerk  
Shanequa Gay, Art Intern  
Phil Mallon, Director of Public Works  
Anthony Ballard, Buildings and Grounds

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**1. Call the meeting to order**

Chairman Brown called the August 4, 2014 Public Arts Committee meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. He then informed the committee that they have a handout regarding the Art Contest in Peachtree City and that he and Kate Hawkins were judges. He stated that the award presentation is on August 9 at 2:00 p.m. and that the Public Art Committee is invited as guest to attend.

**2. Approval of the April 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Vicki Turner moved to accept the minutes for the April 21, 2014 meeting. Cherri Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved.

**Approval of the July 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Vicki Turner moved to accept the minutes for the July 7, 2014 meeting. Cherri Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved.

**3. Introduction of Art Management Intern Shanequa Gay**

Chairman Brown introduced Shanequa Gay as the art intern. He continued that she has been full of ideas and we have had her working full speed on her first day.

Shanequa shared with the committee that she is a senior at Savannah College of Art & Design. She stated that she is completing her degree in painting. She stated that she has a background in painting and graphic design with her degree from Art Institute of Atlanta. She has shown many exhibitions nationally and internationally. Last year she was invited to be the illustrator for the First Lady's luncheon for First Lady Michelle Obama. She stated that she is excited about the opportunities in Fayette County.

**4. Committee members to provide updates and ideas from the list provided.**

Chairman Brown recapped the last meeting by stating that the committee went through some projects at the last meeting and that selections were made about criteria to use for these projects. He stated that one thing he wanted to be sure of is that the committee starts practically with the projects. He stated that one of the things was to look for county owned properties that the committee could work on. He stated that the reason is because it is new to the group and new to Fayette County. He stated that because there is no art budget it had to be reasonable in terms of cost and that the project needed to give decent public exposure.

***Fayette County fountain renovation.***

Chairman Brown informed the committee that this project might be a more difficult project. He gave the committee some background on the fountain. He stated that the granite around the fountain has been a maintenance nightmare. He stated that the sides are breaking apart. He introduced Anthony Ballard, who is with the Building and Grounds department with Fayette County. He stated that one of the things that was a problem with the fountain is the elevation of the water in the fountain. He shared a photo that shows the fountain and the height of the water presently. He stated that Anthony is going to be working on getting height on the water and checking to be sure the plumbing and everything is good prior to beginning an art project.

Cherri Brown shared that she was in Columbus, Indiana looking at the city architecture. She stated there was a wealthy banker and resident of the city, he would pay for the architect work if the city would pay for the buildings. She stated that the architect had to bring the city building within cost that was allocated. She further shared some images to help give the committee ideas on public art that could be used in the county. She stated that she has asked individuals when thinking of public art what are they thinking of and the first thing everyone mentions is something in metal and something done by a resident of the county and the third most popular one was something done by children. She asked the question could it take a taller statue with the water being part of the fountain design.

Anthony asked how would the design be mounted to the fountain.

Cherri stated that there would have to be some type of anchor to hold it down.

Anthony stated that at present there are anchors inside of the fountain that are used for the Christmas tree.

Someone mentioned that we could put seasonal things there.

Chairman Brown stated that they are taking the hollies out might be a good idea. He stated that they keep you from looking at the "thing" that we spent quite a bit of money to put in. He stated that we are thinking of taking the hollies out to open up that area so that people can see the fountain from the street and from the parking lot. He stated there are two confers on the corner close to the street that could be used as the Christmas tree. He stated that if something happen to one there would be another to use for the next time. He stated that using the Christmas tree on the fountain may contribute to the damage to the fountain.

Kate Hawkins shared that she noticed the same thing. She stated that it limits the design for the fountain knowing that a Christmas tree will be placed on top of it.

Chairman Brown stated that there was discussion of doing something on the side of the fountain such as paint or mosaic. He asked the committee what medium should be considered when looking at that project.

Charlie Cave asked for clarity about if we are looking to redo the entire fountain area.

Chairman Brown stated no. He stated that he is only referring to the two tiers on the fountain; the rim of it and doing something to get some elevation out of the water.

Anthony stated that the other problem with the fountain is that we have two water sources and once you take pressure out of one it takes away from the other one. He stated that they have to be kept at the same level. He stated that the middle one was one foot and it is about three feet now and it is about as much that can be done the way it is set up now.

Charlie asked if there could be more pressure added.

Anthony stated that it is rated for a certain amount of pressure. He stated that it is rated for a two horse power pump. He stated that if we go with a higher horse powered pump there is the risk of damaging the pipes that are currently there.

Neal Peebles asked why not have something in the center that makes the water shoot up and out.

Anthony stated that he spoke to some individuals that do aquatics and the cost associated with what they were suggesting is about \$14,000. He stated that is not changing out any of the plumbing.

Neal stated that what he was speaking of was some type of brass or something to make it shoot up and have a ring at the top so it would cascade down.

Kate mentioned that Randy had some good ideas on a sculpture piece that could be added to the fountain.

Neal asked if there was a way to trim the hollies as not to block the view.

Chairman Brown stated that was discussed, but the problem is that the action takes place in the plaza and the parking lot adjacent to it and anything that blocks it takes away from it.

Vicki Turner asked Randy what does he think something like a sculpture on the fountain cost and what would be the upkeep.

Randy stated that it would depend on what was used to make the sculpture and how elaborate of a sculpture is designed.

Cherri asked if the project could be funded through a fund drive in the county.

Randy stated that it could be done through a Kick Starter campaign.

Kate stated that she would recommend doing a Kick Starter for this committee.

Randy explained how the Kick Starter works.

Shanequa stated that she thinks the Kick Starter campaign is a great idea. She stated that this is a cause worthy project.

Kate stated that we would have to be careful on the wording. She stated that it could include language that states that the funds would not be used on just one project but year's worth of projects. Kate added that there might be more donations added if we use local artist.

Chairman Brown stated that this would have to be taken to the Board before any kind of campaign could be started.

Chairman Brown asked Randy if he was ok with coming up with a concept for the fountain on a budgetary scale. He asked if it would be a water feature in the center.

Randy stated yes.

After further discussion the committee decided that once there is an approved plan to include the landscaping, the fountain and the edges of the fountain it will go before the Board of Commissioners.

***Property tax drop box located in the parking lot.***

Chairman Brown stated that this will be an easy project. He asked for some ideas on the little ugly red box.

Kate stated that we could keep it simple by painting over the sticker letters. She stated that it could mirror whatever sculpture would be used for the fountain.

Chairman passed around a picture of some things that can be done on a postal type box.

Kate stated that last time there was discussion of doing some type animal. She stated that would be more sculptural. She suggested an old rusted American flag painted around it.

Anthony asked where would the sign go.

Chairman stated that it could go around the box or something smaller that could be at the bottom of the chute opening. He stated that the worse case senario is that if someone put some mail in it, we would put it in the postage box.

Cherri stated that it should have nothing to do with the color blue because it would be mistaken for a mailbox.

Cheo Waters stated what would you do with citizens like himself. He stated that he is an older person so he can see the lettering and if you scale it down it will be hard to see. He stated that the other thing is that he would not want to be responsible for mailing other people's mail if he was a county employee.

Chairman Brown stated what if we took the same size lettering and just place it on top of the box.

Kate stated that the most over the top idea she had was to paint the box like a cow and have a big red cow bell around the neck of it with the words.

Charlie asked what do other counties have for their deposits.

Chairman Brown stated that it varies.

Anthony stated that some of them have wall slots.

Chairman Brown stated that some of them you have to walk to the counter and pay at the counter.

Charlie stated why not remove it and put a deposit on the walkway next to the building.

Chairman Brown stated that could be done if that is what the Tax Commissioner wants, but for all intent and purpose the box has worked for him. He stated that we just take something that works and make it look better.

After further discussion the committee decided to come up with a concept to share with the Tax Commissioner to get his approval.

***Veterans Parkway roundabout.***

Chairman Brown stated that to this point they have laid the sod and there will be a row shrubbery and about a sixteen foot radius to work with.

The committee discussed several ideas for the roundabout.

Randy stated that he liked the idea of adding people. He stated that it could be something that we could have that can be added to later. He stated that he and Kate will get a concept for this one also.

***Crosstown Water Treatment facility.***

Chairman Brown showed a photo of the wall at the water plant. He stated that there is another wall that faces TDK Boulevard. He stated that we could work on the short wall first and then expand.

After further discussion the committee decided to take some photos of the wall and send it to the committee and come up with some creative ideas on a mural for that wall.

***Fire Hydrant decorating.***

Chairman Brown stated that the Water System Director, Lee Pope showed him this idea. He stated that we could pick a few hydrants in downtown Fayetteville and Peachtree City and downtown Tyrone.

Kate asked what theme do we want to go with and if they wanted to stick with what was in the photo.

Neal stated that this would be a great idea for some high school students to work on.

Kate stated that there could be a contest where they submit ideas and the committee chooses one.

After further discussion the committee decided to select a few hydrants and have artist to submit designs and have a few of the committee members to select a design from the submissions.

***Finance Department wall.***

Chairman Brown stated that the finance department wall will be a fairly easy project. He stated that the blinds can be taken out and create some open space.

Anthony asked if there was a project to replace the blinds with the same as the ones in the Commissioners' Chambers.

Chairman Brown stated that it could be something that could "pop" out at night and look good when walking into the building.

After further discussion the committee decided to remove the old framed photos and reframe them and have Shanequa and Vicki to come up with some changes to take to Finance to update that area.

Further discussion included the change to the signs outside of the department doors and a boxed glass door to put up public notices instead of taping them to the window to be added to the Finance department. Chairman Brown encouraged Anthony to speak to Shanequa.

**5. Anne Wallace to discuss the oral history of the Hopeful Primitive Baptist Church**

Anne introduced Neal Peeples and stated that they have been working with Hopeful Primitive Baptist Church and have gotten a good response. She stated that they could help them tell their story and that she has contact a lady who is the director of the Historic Resources and Programs at the Heritage Museum in Sandy Springs. She stated that she will come to train the storyteller group.

Verna shared her meeting that she had with Hopeful Primitive Baptist Church.

Anne stated that in January they will have Donald Davis, who is like the “rock star” of story telling coming to the county. She stated that he will do a workshop on how to do family stories and everyone is invited.

There were no further discussions.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

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Tameca P. White  
Deputy County Clerk