



Town of Clayton
Public Art Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday, August 18, 2020 @ 5:00 PM
Remote - Zoom

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sara Perricone, Chair
Kim Helmer
John McFadden
Tammy Murray
Kathleen Nobles
Clark Hipolito

STAFF PRESENT:

Heidi Holland, Deputy Town Clerk
Stacy Beard, Public Information Officer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Will Lawson
Howard Manning
Elizabeth McLaurin

1 CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Perricone called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Draft Minutes
- February 18, 2020 DRAFT Minutes

ACTION: Adoption of February 18, 2020 Minutes

Motion: Board Member Helmer
Second: Board Member Hipolito
Vote: Unanimous

3 ACTION ITEMS

4 OLD BUSINESS

- a) "150 Reasons We Love Clayton" Project Update
Presenter: Stacy Beard, Public Information Officer
- *150th Expression Box Removed Following Graffiti/Stay-at-Home Order (culprits charged by Clayton Police – 2 Cary teens, 1 Clayton teen also charged in Cary and Raleigh for vandalism/damage to property)*
 - *Box Being Stored with Town Public Services – (some warping of wood but may be reusable)*

Ms. Beard shared this project was a big hit and had lots of beautiful messages which included a drawing of a nurse thanking first responders. As the Town dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic, the board was littered with negative comments and hit with graffiti by teens. With so much going on, it was decided to take the board down temporarily and store it away. Ms. Beard stated the wood was a little warped on one side but other than that it has held up well. It was another great run and the board stated they look forward to doing this again, possibly bring the board back out after COVID.

b) **Sam's Branch Greenway Public Art Project**

Presenters: Kim Helmer, Tammy Murray & John McFadden

- Clayton High School Industrial Trades Teacher Troy Lee works with several students over the Stay-at-Home Order to cut dozens of various flower shapes
- John McFadden & Stacy Beard pick up and transport all the cut-outs to Town Hall
- Next steps from Kim, Tammy & John
- Current Student Art work has been on the greenway just over a year in its two year project
- Plaque to be added to trail this month

Ms. Beard stated that prior to COVID, the wood for the flowers was dropped off with Troy Lee, industrial trade teacher at Clayton High School and the flower designs have been cut out. This project was put on pause during COVID but the high school had construction going on during this shutdown period and there was an urgency to move everything out of the woodshop. Not knowing when he would be able to cut the shapes out, Mr. Lee was able to draw the shapes and cut them out with the help of 3 students, all practicing social distancing and wearing masks. The sub-committee was not apprised of the high school cutting these flowers during the stay at home order. When all of the flowers were cut out Mr. Lee called John McFadden to pick these up. Ms. Beard has stored these at Town Hall.

Ms. Murray stated she has 3 gallons of primer as well as rollers and tarps. She stated during this time, she is keeping her circle small to avoid any exposure and is not ready to say when she would be ready to work with others to move forward with this project. She suggests to divide the project between three board members and dropping these off with a no contact process. Mr. Hipolito stated if anyone needed any help he would be willing to help. Mr. McFadden stated he would not mind working on priming these. Ms. Perricone stated we have some time to prime, and she would be willing to help work on these also. She suggested for each member that would like to help to touch base with Ms. Beard and she could distribute these out.

c) **Sculpture Trail Update**

Presenter: Stacy Beard, Public Information Officer

- People's Choice
- Call to Artists
- Timeline
- Lighting

Ms. Beard stated the sculptures usually are changed out in June. Artists stated at this time they are not comfortable driving multiple states to pick up their sculptures. There have not been a lot of response from artists from the first call and the decision was made to extend the deadline. The first sculpture to be removed was Wings. The artist did not have to pick this up, this piece was actually purchased. The second sculpture removed was

Walking Watcher by Jim Collins. The third removed was Big Orange Stack. This piece was submitted into the New Bern Sculpture Trail. These are the only three sculptures that have been removed. The winner of the People's Choice was Oculi Aqua by Carmen Rojas Gines which was located in Horne Square. Ms. Beard stated 500 people voted and this was one of the biggest responses they have had. This was a great way to engage with the community.

Ms. Beard shared there is a gentleman in Cary who makes a living finding sculptures that live in public places. Ms. Beard has been in contact with him. She stated this might be a person that could help call to the artists, organize them and figure out what pieces would go where. She stated when she hears back from him, she would let the board know. She stated going forward in the future, working with him might be the way to go. Ms. Perricone asked the board their thoughts on this. Ms. Nobles stated he probably has a lot of contacts and this would be a great idea.

Preparation for lighting was added to the sculpture in the roundabout, Life Cycle. Ms. Perricone asked how many sculptures would be allowed this year. Ms. Beard stated not as many because of the increase of the sculptures staying two years verses one. We would be able to get about 7-8 sculptures for the next go around. She stated that Town Square will be renovated and the parking lot at Town Hall would begin expansion soon and would have a sculpture location built into the project.

d) **Mural Project for Private Buildings Update**

Presenter: Stacy Beard, Public Information Officer

- Waiting on Final Attorney Approval
- Formation of Mural Committee
- Barbour Building (new owners reach out about working with original artist Kelli Sari to "refresh" the mural)
- Racial Equality Mural (idea from young artist in the community)

Ms. Perricone stated she would have liked to the board to be a little more involved in this process. The DDA would have one person from the board involved in this process. Ms. Beard stated we have a façade improvement grant and painting a mural on a blank building is improving your façade. Ms. Beard stated Patrick Pierce, Economic Development Director, and the Town Attorney are reviewing this document. Ms. Beard stated she likes the partnership of these two boards working together. This board can identify blank canvases in town. Ms. Perricone stated we need a sub-committee for this project to work on finding artists and blank canvases. Ms. Nobles volunteered to chair this committee and Mr. Hipolito volunteered to work on this committee. There was discussion on how this process could be touchy depending on what is allowed on the building. There needs to be protocols and procedures for this just as the Greenway has procedure guidelines.

Ms. Beard stated the Barbour Building was bought and a restaurant will go into this location. They owners are looking at the front of building for a possible mural. There was discussion on Mr. Hipolito painting murals on different buildings downtown. Ms. Nobles had questions about the application which Ms. Beard answered. There was further discussion on the cost of the mural and who would be responsible for it. Ms. Nobles and Mr. Hipolito stated they would work together on creating guidelines.

Ms. Perricone asked if there was anyway the current draft could be changed a little bit. Ms. Beard said this draft could definitely be changed to make it work for the committee. She said she would email this back out to everyone for them to review and make their suggestions. Ms. Nobles asked if a call for artists needs to be put out for painting these murals. Ms. Perricone stated she appreciates everyone's help.

There was discussion on the Facebook page, Art of Clayton NC. Ms. Perricone stated board members should upload recent pictures to make this page current. Currently there is about 600 followers for this page. Ms. Beard stated this page is public to post, you do not need to be an administrator to upload photos. Mr. Hipolito stated he would be more proactive at uploading his art. Ms. Perricone stated she would like Clayton to see what talent is on this board.

Sara thanked everyone for their hard work with all the projects.

ACTION: Motion Made to Create Sub-Committee for Mural Project

Motion: Board Member Hipolito

Second: Board Member Murray

Vote: Unanimous

5 NEW BUSINESS

6 PUBLIC COMMENTS

7 ADJOURN

- a) With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

ACTION: Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Board Member Hipolito

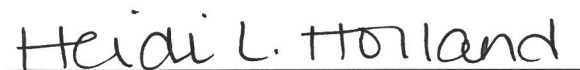
Second: Board Member Murray

Vote: Unanimous

Duly adopted this the 15th day of September, 2020.


Sara Perricone, Chair

ATTEST:



Heidi L. Holland, Deputy Town Clerk &
Clerk to the Board