



APEX PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

21 November 2022

7:00pm

In Attendance

Bethany Bryant, Vice Chair

Tom Colwell, Chair

Sean Durham

Ewan Pritchard

Taylor Wray, Town Liaison

Call to Order – Tom

7:00 pm

Approval of 17 October Meeting Minutes

1st Bethany / 2nd Ewan

Town Liaison Report – Taylor

Taylor's updates are in old business.

Chairperson's Report – Tom

Tom's updates are in old business.

Public Comment

- Tom introduced Kerrin Cox to the group.
- Kerrin is the Town of Apex's Marketing and Communications Specialist. She was presenting on the Town of Apex's 150th Anniversary. (*See last page of the notes for her presentation material*)
- Kerrin worked with the committee to dive into how citizens and this committee could be involved. PAC mentioned the 150th anniversary project planned in our current budget.
- Kerrin mentioned that Wake Remodeling has commissioned a mural for behind The Provincial, so try to avoid that design concept.

Old Business

- 150th Anniversary project – Tom
 - Tom would like this project to have community involvement, possibly at the signature event in September 2023.
 - Sean had the idea to possibly do a grid/ "Paint by number" idea.

- Tom mentioned that he and Taylor have been thinking about doing a 3-panel design to accommodate the Past-Present-Potential theme of the 150th year celebration.
- Kerrin proposed an “in the art” project which would be a good photo opportunity; something where patrons could stand in... literally “all in”.
 - Sean said we could do a frame again
- Ewan would like to see a water feature at The Depot. Tom and Kerrin informed him that a similar project is already proposed in the Downtown Plan.
- Kerrin would love to see this project focus on “The Peak of Good Living” and not display figures. Words v. people
- Tom brought up “Sounds for Sculptures” and Kerrin would rather PAC focus on our already budgeted items.
 - Kerrin will be reaching out to the Apex composer to see if they would be interested in composing a piece for the 150th year.
- Ewan proposed commissioning a sculpture.
 - What would be the benefit to the sculpture?
 - What would be the cost?
 - Ewan reached out to Joanna about a sponsorship idea and finding a corporate sponsor to purchase sculptures.
 - Taylor reminded the group that all communication to Town staff needs to come through her first.
- Kerrin and Bethany mentioned an idea of having an old train with a modern mural on it.
- Bethany mentioned maybe something to do with veterans.
- Update on new members – Taylor
 - Working with Allen, Town Clerk, to move forward on this.
 - Taylor to ask Allen if we can lower the quorum number to 3 people from 4 people.
- Holiday Window Painting – Bethany
 - Taylor purchased the required materials for this project.
 - Bethany mentioned that the painting will be on Monday, November 28 from 3pm-6pm
 - Apex High School and Apex Friendship High School will meet in front of The Halle.
 - Some rules from The Halle and the Fire Station:
 - No higher than 6 feet tall
 - Designs must be in off of the sides
 - Designs cannot be completely obstructive
 - Tom asked Taylor if we have a budget for cookies?
 - Taylor to look into this
- Apex Sculpture Walk – Tom
 - 2022-2023 walk: Purchase and relocation of “Blackbird Circle” is being brought to consent on November 29 and public hearing on December 13 at the Apex Council meetings.
 - 2023-2024 walk: Jean Greer has been hired as our new juror. The “Call for artists” has been announced and released to local & national posts.
- Unity Mural – Tom
 - Mural is complete.
 - Would like to look into doing a grand reveal... maybe on December 2?
 - Possibly looking into getting some lighting in the future
- Crosswalk Art – Sean
 - Sean would like to look into doing the crosswalk behind Scratch Kitchen by the stairs.
 - Taylor to reach out to planning.
- Transportation Art – Bethany

- Call for artists coming out any day now.
- Bethan is unsure of the start date.
- Sponsorships / Funding – Ewan
 - Ewan is working on a PowerPoint presentation
 - Proposal levels for sculpture purchase.

New Business

- Potential cancellation of December meeting
 - Canceling approved but doing TEAMS meeting on December 7 at 7pm to work on 150th Anniversary ideas.
- 2023 Public Art Committee Meetings
 - January 23
 - February 20
 - March 20
 - April 17
 - May 15
 - June 26
 - July 17
 - August 21
 - September 18
 - October 16
 - November 20
 - December 18

Motion to Adjourn - 8:29pm

1st Ewan / 2nd Sean

Apex 150th Celebration

Reaching the Peak through our Past, Present, & Potential

In 2023, the Town of Apex celebrates 150 years of incorporation. To celebrate, we are asking community members to go **All in with Apex!** When asked “What makes Apex unique?” most often, people respond with “the feeling of community”. Our goal for Apex’s 150th is to take that feeling and build on it - making the 150th year a year of unification, common understanding, and something that every person who interacts with our town is proud to be a part of.

How will we celebrate?

The 150th year will include many *Ways to Celebrate* so community members can be engaged.

Potential activities include:

- Annual events
- Historic walking and virtual tours
- Exhibits on our past
- Ways to be a good neighbor
- Ways to give back to the community

The 150th year also includes a community video series focusing on our Past, Present, and Potential, where participants are asked three questions:

- Share a favorite or important memory.
- What makes Apex home?
- Share your hopes for Apex’s potential!

How can you get involved?

Spread the word after we kick off the year on February 28th!

Tune into our website, apexnc.org and Town of Apex social media accounts for the launch and details about the year of celebration.

Questions?

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