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**APEX PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING**

**19 February 2024**

**7:00pm**

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*In Attendance*

Tom Colwell, Chair  
Bethany Bryant, Vice Chair  
Brad Erickson  
Susan Kirley  
Ewan Pritchard  
Lafayette Trawick  
Maren Ward, Town of Apex

*Not In Attendance*

Sean Durham  
Taylor Wray, Town of Apex Staff Liaison

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**Call to Order – Tom**

Started at 7:01pm

**Approval of 22 January 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Approved by 1<sup>st</sup> Bethany / 2<sup>nd</sup> Brad

**Town Liaison Report – Taylor**

Taylor is at another meeting tonight.  
Maren Ward is in her place taking the meeting minutes.  
No updates at this time. More will be shared in “old business.”

**Chairperson’s Report – Tom**

No updates at this time. More will be shared in “old business.”

**Public Comment**

None present

**Old Business**

• **Video project – Taylor**

- Taylor is *waiting* on 2 main things right now:
  - 1. Planning’s approval of the Small Town Character Application which could not be submitted before the January meeting with Avcon occurred. (Taylor has emailed them to ask for an update)
  - 2. Planning’s survey of the land planned to be used for the project. Need to know where Right of Way and Property Lines are.

- Brad asked what “Small Town Character Application” was? – Tom answered “Application to fill out when you make changes to anything in a historic district. It has to be approved to ensure it fits the Town’s Character.”
  - Tom wanted to confirm that Planning’s survey of land is in progress? Taylor and Tom will connect on this.
  - Tom noted the group will need to establish content and have ideas ready for next time, he is hoping to have a lengthier discussion with Taylor regarding all of the rules, timing of project, etc. Would also like to confirm that the group contributes ideas and projects.
  - Brad said he has contacts for other art groups regarding their video projects, so he can check in to see what they have done.
  - Bethany said she could get schools involved, maybe get an intern or content from schools.
  - Tom requested everyone to think through all of this and bring solid ideas and possible content to the next meeting on March 18, 2024.
- **Crosswalk Art – Sean**
    - Sean was not present.
    - Maren informed the group that this is pending approval from Planning still. (Taylor has emailed them to ask for an update). Paints for this project have been given to PAC by Planning and moved into The Halle’s storage unit.
- **Apex Sculpture Walk IV – Tom**
    - There will be 11 sculptures total and we have identified 4 new locations (listed below), just working through the legal process to secure them, they are not on town property, so we have verbal confirmation from property owners, but need to finalize things legally.
    - New Locations:
      - Villages at Apex – on the hill by Hunter St. Park
      - W&Z Law Offices on Salem St.
      - Kitchen & Bath Store on Salem St.
      - All State Office on Salem St.
    - Tom noted that by the next meeting, bases should be in place in all locations and then installation of Sculptures will be on April 18<sup>th</sup>. He is contacting artists and getting things lined up. He requested help on installation day if anyone is available, multiple sculptures will be installed at the same time in different locations, so a few hands on-deck would be helpful. Susan and Brad said they could probably be there. (*subscript: The installation date is April 19, 2024*)
    - Tom also noted there will be a reception around 3pm that day for anyone who would like to speak with the artists.
    - Ewan wanted to ask about lighting for these sculptures and he and Tom discussed. Ewan will find lights on Amazon and they will test things out.
    - Ewan brought up voting, how do we plan to handle that this year? It was decided each sculpture would have their own yard sign with a unique QR code. The QR will be specific to that sculpture only, so you will not vote for your favorite you will rank each sculpture on a scale. Discussion of scale decided it would be 1-10 scale and scores will be totaled at the end for a winner.
    - We will promote with submission photos to start, then switch when things are in place.
    - Ewan asked for a deadline for these extra details. It was decided that all signage and promotional items will need to be communicated to Taylor by the end of February. This

will give time to lock in designs and make orders for things to be printed. Make sure Taylor has QR codes and other details by February 29<sup>th</sup>.

- Bethany asked about the possibility of creating a Sculpture Walk shirt for the artists to wear for a fun promotional opportunity? It was discussed that shirts could be cheap, could just say “Apex Sculpture Walk” so could be used for multiple years. Bethany said she will connect with Taylor to discuss design and addition of logos, for PAC and The Town.
- Digital Maps will be made again this year, Susan suggested physical copies also, specially for seniors wanting to take the walk – all agreed!

- **Mural – Susan**

- Susan would like to use artists from 2023 Hispanic Heritage Month panel at The Halle.
- Susan has potential locations, just wants to discuss and brainstorm with the group
- One of the main location suggestions is wall by Compare Foods - Susan has met with the General Manager a couple times to discuss, they said they needed to go over things with their partner but have not reached back out to Susan.
- What are other thoughts on locations?
- It was suggested that we look into the Food Truck lot that is next to Compare Foods, Tom suggested reaching out to Mr. A’s Beignets owner, he should know who to contact/who owns that property.
- Ewan asked about size of mural? Thought he remembered 4x8 as a size? Susan said there should be 4 different 4x8 panels, one for each of the artists that will be put together.
- Ewan was thinking that we could always start and lock in location later, maybe get a temporary location for now then move?
- Tom noted that we can not obtain art or artist without a location in place for contract purposes. Tom said we could potentially lock down our temporary location and move to permanent place later, but they have to know where that temporary location is.
- Possible Temporary/Permanent location ideas were:
  - Hunter Street Park/Skate Park
  - Pleasant Park
  - Side of Fire Station – this has been discussed before, location on hold for many year
- Tom suggested reaching out to Angela Reinke from PRCR Planning, she has been involved with planning for most of the parks and can suggest locations or say no to certain locations in parks. Tom said he knows her so he will start the connection between her and Susan. She might know about building possibilities also.

- **Sculpture Purchase – Taylor**

- Council was made known of PAC’s recommendation on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Taylor followed up but nothing has been decided at this moment.
- It was asked what was being purchased? “Jäger” and “Celestial Motion” Sculptures – still in progress

## **New Business**

- PeakFest? Do we have any ideas? It is on May 4<sup>th</sup> and Bethany and Tom will not be in town to attend, but they can help prep. Brad said he can be there and can think about ideas so we can discuss more next time.

- Grid Painting project - Sean had mentioned it so Susan wanted to check in – could be possible, Bethany said she can look into something low cost. Everyone please bring ideas to the next meeting, have some things ready and we can discuss in detail.
- Manhole Cover project - Tom said Sean is the one handling this, unfortunately he could not be in attendance tonight, but will hopefully have information for everyone soon.
- Senior Center Mural Plaque - Susan was asking for an update, Taylor was working on this
- Beaver Creek Trail - Brad asked if we can put artwork on these trails. He runs some trails and thinks it could be an awesome addition to our trail system. He said he will take pictures of the potential locations he has seen and will bring those to the next meeting. Ewan suggested White Oak Creek or Kelly Rd trails – said they have a couple unsightly spots we could fix up. Tom suggested we all move forward keeping this in mind for locations, but also to remember our limitations. Should probably look for local, Town trails/roads and avoid anything with DOT. Ewan noted if we do find a different space he knows someone with DOT to contact. It is highly suggested this stay on Town greenways so it will be easier – look at small bridges and things.
- Guided Apex Sculpture Walk - Everyone is excited about moving forward with this and want to look into potential for other organized walks with different groups. Bethany said she can reach out to schools about creating an organized walk for their different age groups. Susan thinks it could be fun and inspiring to take Elementary Schools too. Tom suggested everyone share their ideas for this on Slack to keep the discussion moving.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Approved by 1<sup>st</sup> Brad / 2<sup>nd</sup> Bethany

Ended at 7:47pm