

Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory Commission

Minutes

May 10, 2022

Members Present: Curt Andrews, Bo Henderson, Carol Knapp, Whitney Brown, & Chris Wetmore

Staff Present: Jennifer Brown & Cory Cathcart

Begin: 9:05 a.m.

End: 10:20 a.m.

**April Minutes Approval** – Mr. Andrews made a motion to approve the April minutes. Mrs. Knapp seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve.

**Budget Update** – Mrs. Brown reported that revenue collected to date is \$31,220, which is \$12,350 shy of projected revenue for the year. She explained that hanging basket/planter donations will be advertised May and June. She added that only \$7,170.67 has been spent of the \$43,570 budget and that flowers for the hanging baskets, planters, and flower beds are yet to be purchased. Mr. Henderson asked if we could take credit cards for donations. Mrs. Brown explained why that was currently not possible. Mr. Henderson made a motion to facilitate the option to take credit cards for BRAAC donations. Mr. Andrews seconded, and it was a unanimous vote to approve.

**Budget Request for Rock Wall (American Legion Stairs) \$8500** – Mrs. Brown explained that the stairs next to the American Legion are being renovated and will need rock walls to control storm water. The cost is \$8500 to complete the project. Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve funding. Whitney Brown seconded, and there was a unanimous vote to approve.

**Public Art Application Request (BRAHM)** – Mrs. Brown stated that BRAHM submitted a request to change the sculpture that is located next to its building. Each year Appalachian State University's Turchin Center supplies a new sculpture for display. Mr. Andrews made a motion to approve the installation of the sculpture. Mr. Henderson seconded, and it was a unanimous vote to approve

**Broyhill Park (Broyhill Family Foundation)** – Mrs. Brown stated that she and Mr. Andrews had not yet met to work on an updated presentation to the Foundation. This will be finalized after the completion of the American Legion stairs. She added that next year's budget request will include monies to evaluate the source of sediment that is filling the lake.

**Other Business** – Mr. Wetmore stated that he had reached out to Town Council to clarify BRAAC's roles. After a few responses, he still had no clarity. Mr. Andrews and Mr. Henderson agreed due to recurring inconsistencies, roles needed to be defined. They asked Mrs. Brown to set up a meeting between BRAAC and Town Council to discuss.

**Other Business** – Mr. Andrews stated that last month he was nominated by his BRAAC peers to serve as BRAAC's representative on the Parks Strategy Committee. After further reflection he respectfully declined and nominated Whitney Brown.

**Other Business** – Mrs. Knapp asked Mr. Cathcart what was going to be planted in the bulb-outs where the new stop lights were installed on Main Street at Sunset Drive. Mr. Cathcart replied that he has a landscape plan that is pending necessary approval by NCDOT.