

Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory Commission

Minutes

July 19, 2022

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

Staff Present: Jennifer Brown & Cory Cathcart

Begin: 8:30 am

End: 9:15 am

Approve May 10, 2022 & June 28, 2022 Minutes – Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve both documents as written. Ms. Knapp seconded, and it was a unanimous vote to approve.

Budget Update/2021-2022 Donations – Mrs. Brown reviewed the current financials. Total revenue collected was \$31,895 and total expenditures were \$15,893.92. Approximately \$16,000 will be moved to fund balance. She stated accounts will not be finalized until the audit is completed.

Public Art Request (Chetola) – Mrs. Brown received a public art request from Chetola to replace the current sculpture on Main Street next to Chetola. After review, Ms. Knapp made a motion to approve. Mr. Henderson seconded, and it was a unanimous vote to approve.

Broyhill Park (Broyhill Foundation) – Mrs. Brown explained that she had researched the application process for applying for the Broyhill Family Foundation Grant. She discovered that they now have a form that makes it straight forward to apply. She suggested that BRAAC apply for funding to replace the sidewalks and to finish the rock around the lake. Mr. Wetmore suggested that BRAAC invite the Broyhill Foundation for lunch on the American Legion deck to provide an opportunity to show the improvements that have already been made to Broyhill Park as well the needed improvements. After further discussion, it was a unanimous decision to have Mr. Andrews work with Mrs. Brown to apply for the Broyhill Family Foundation Grant.

Donation Letter – Mrs. Brown stated that the donation letter will be sent at the end of August or the first of September. She asked if anyone had any changes that they would like to make to last year's letter. Mr. Henderson asked if we could add hanging baskets to Laurel Lane around to the pool. He stated that the Mayview HOA would like to fund the additional hanging baskets. Ms. Knapp said that would be a great addition to the History Walk. Mr. Cathcart said he would get pricing to present to BRAAC.

Other Business – Ms. Knapp asked for a progress update regarding the school garden on Sunset Drive. Mr. Henderson stated that he has been trying to reach the individual who wants to make it a memorial garden in honor of his mother. Mr. Wetmore advised that the school should also be contacted because they are wanting to install a pollinator garden for their beehive and that there is a new PTO that has been formed that might have plans for that area as well. Mr. Henderson committed to contacting the potential donor as well as school representatives.