

Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory Commission
Minutes
December 6, 2018

BRAAC Members Attending: Curt Andrews, Bo Henderson, Melissa Pickett, Chris Wetmore, and Carol Knapp

Staff Members: Jennifer Brown, Chris Pate

Approve November 8, 2018 Minutes: Bo made a motion to approve, Curt seconded it and it was a unanimous to approve.

Budget Update/Annual Fundraising Collection/Hanging Basket Collection: Jennifer Brown stated that to date BRAAC has collected \$25,675 of the estimated \$25,150 and \$5,033.49 has been spent on the PO Box rental, new hanging baskets, vehicle repair, and the fundraising letter.

Tree Lighting Update: Jennifer stated that the tree lighting went very well! There have been many compliments on the three new trees and the large blue spruce in front of Town Hall. She stated that they hired a company to decorate the blue spruce and she feels it is the best that tree has ever looked! She thanked the board for paying the difference on the cost of all of it. They all agreed everything looked amazing.

Public Art Update: Melissa stated that she wants to send an email out to Mr. Freeman requesting a joint meeting with Town Council and BRAAC before retreat. The board agreed and stated that they want to work with Town Council and not against them to decide what direction to go in.

2019 Game Plan: Melissa stated that she would like the board to come up with a game plan to help get some of the pending projects complete. Jennifer stated that once the audit was complete we would know for certain how much money was in fund balance but as of now there is approximately \$21,000. Some suggestions were implementing parts of the Virginia Tech Plan, Annie Cannon, and Broyhill. After further discussion it was decided to wait until the audit was complete and decide from there.

Broyhill Foundation: Chris stated that he has some drainage that he needs to complete, as well as, some sidewalk repairs and rebuild the bridge from the upper pond to the lower pond. Everything has been on hold due to the projects in Memorial Park and now the weather; however, when the weather allows they will be back working in Broyhill Park. Curt and Melissa would like for Jennifer to contact them to give them an update on the projects so they know we are moving forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.