

Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory

Minutes

April 2, 2019

Town Council Chambers 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Melissa Pickett, Curt Andrews, Bo Henderson, & Chris Wetmore

Members Absent: Carol Knapp

Staff Present: Jennifer Brown

Guests: Greg Tarbutton and Lee Rocamora

Begin: 3:03 p.m.

End: 5:12 p.m.

Approve March 7, 2019 Minutes: Chris made a motion to approve the March 7, 2019 minutes, Curt seconded, and it was a unanimous vote to approve.

Budget Update/Annual Fundraising Collection/Hanging Basket Collection: Jennifer stated that she would send out the financials once she received them.

Public Art Request 2019-01: Jennifer stated that she received a request from BRAHM to install another piece of art work recommended by the Rosen Sculpture Program at ASU after the current piece is removed. Chris and Curt were worried about safety and people trying to climb and sit on it and they both wanted to make sure it was installed securely. Bo stated that the liability would solely lie on BRAHM. Bo asked to be recused due to him being on the BRAHM board as well. Curt made a motion to allow the installation of the art piece with the recommendation that a sign be installed to say, "Please Do Not Climb", Chris seconded, and it was a unanimous vote to approve.

Public Art Request 2019-02: Jennifer stated that she received a request from Chetola to install a piece of art work on Main Street that faces Chetola Lake. Greg Tarbutton stated that they were approached in hosting an art walk on their property that would be open to the public and they wanted to have a piece of art on Main Street to encourage people to come onto their property to look. He stated that it would be no cost to the Town and Chetola would and the artist would take responsibility and liability of the art piece. Curt asked if the art pieces would be sold and Greg stated that the art pieces in Chetola would be for sale; however, the piece that they are requesting to be placed on Main street would stay up for one year. He also stated it would be installed June 1st and Melissa stated that they needed to move the installation to a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday due to traffic in Town and less congestion and the fact they are requesting Town assistance for traffic control. Bo made a motion to approve the piece of art to be installed on Main Street in front of Chetola Lake for one year on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, as well as making sure it stays installed for one year even if it gets sold, Curt seconded, and it was a unanimous vote to approve.

Landscape Assistant Update: Jennifer stated that Baker Stanley had accepted the position and he started working last week. He will be an asset to our team and we are looking forward to having a full staff!

Legacy Trail Update: Jennifer stated that the town's engineering firm has been researching options to help alleviate the no access in the middle of the trail concerns the public has. They are proposing that the Town install a sidewalk along the south side of Main street that will connect to the existing sidewalk in front of Edgewood Cottage. Lee Rocamora asked if a crosswalk could be installed there at Laurel Park and Main Street and Jennifer stated that is a DOT decision because it is not a town owned road. Jennifer stated that the decision will be a Town Council decision as to how to proceed.

Other Business: Chris stated that we need to add plaque requirements and sizes to our public art application. After further discussion Bo made a motion that if the plaque is not attached to the piece of art, the plaque size should be no larger than 6" x 4" and should have no other information than the name of the art piece, the artist name, and materials of the art piece. Curt seconded, and it was a unanimous vote to approve.

Other Business: Chris asked who owned the Glen Burney Trail and Jennifer responded that the Town owns it. He stated that it was a beautiful trail but really needed to be maintained. He stated that he was concerned with some areas on the trail that were eroding and if not addressed could be impassible in a couple of years. He also asked if a bridge was going to be built back that goes across the creek. Jennifer stated that a company was supposed to come in and rebuild the bridge at the end of February and the weather did not cooperate. She stated that she hasn't heard back from them since but will reach out to them again. Chris stated that he has a company that works on his trails at his work who do a great job at a reasonable price and would pass along their information. He said they would be willing to give an estimate on what it would cost to maintain and fix areas of the trail. Jennifer stated she would love to get that information to see if it would be affordable to contract out the maintenance of the trail.