



**Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 16th, 2022**  
**12:00 PM Martin County Arts Council**  
*Minutes*

**PRESENT**

Chase Conner, Ila Parker, Walter Whitfield, Glinda Fox, Cameron Braddy

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chase Conner called the meeting to order at 12:10.

**MINUTES**

Walter made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Ila seconded the motion. The minutes were passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial report as of 3/14/2022 showed no change in the overall account balance. There was no income and no expenses. The balance of the account showed \$21,641.87. Ila made a motion to approve the financial report. Walter seconded the motion. The financial report was passed.

**MAJOR UPDATES**

**Downtown Planner Position Still Available**

**Downtown to River Corridor**

Cameron presented information regarding banners for the light poles downtown. Past discussions noted that the Board was interested in having Downtown Williamston and the Roanoke River highlighted on either side of the banners. Cameron contacted a banner company and received quotes. The Board was interested in purchasing.

Edit: after the meeting, Cameron confirmed the price of the banners and mentioned that some of the cost would be covered by the Town. The Board, via email, voted to approve the purchase. Cameron sent the confirmation of intent to the banner company and sent them the design ideas. They should be designed and completed sometime in late April to May.

**Disc Golf Project**

Cameron reached out to DEQ and EPA for an update. EPA stated that they are requiring an additional testing of the soil on the site prior to giving it clearance for development. EPA is requiring the current property owner to submit a plan of action for the testing by April 10<sup>th</sup>. At this point, the property owner will be responsible for conducting testing of soil and groundwater

on the site and submitting the results to EPA. Once the results are finalized and if everything comes back in the clear, we can move forward on receiving the property.

### **MARTIN COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL**

3/26 at 6:00 PM – Bluegrass Group NuBlu will be performing. \$15 tickets.

4/9 Dinner and Auction “Dueling Auction” – \$50 tickets for fundraiser. Georgia Deans will be catering. Items will include gift cards, gift baskets, etc. The proceeds will be used to help with the cost of repointing the exterior bricks.

4/21 Fine Arts Show will be opening and staying up until 5/31. Artwork includes handcrafted art such as sculptures, quilts, baskets, etc. as well as traditional art.

5/7 The Arts Council is planning to coordinate their 2<sup>nd</sup> Color Fun Run

5/20 Milton Buck with the Platters will be at the Community Stage

6/23 Arts Council Annual Dinner

### **WOMAN’S CLUB**

Not present.

### **E.J. HAYES ALUMNI CENTER**

The E.J. Hayes Scholarships have been delivered to the community and a decision on the recipients will be made in April.

4/1 Spaghetti Plate Dinner fundraiser

6/25 Open Flea Market

### **FRIENDS OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE**

Spring bulb sale currently going on and bulbs will be available for pickup at the old courthouse around Easter. Funds raised by this will help with the window-reglazing project, which is planning to be underway by June.

Ornaments are available for purchase on the Friends of the Old Courthouse website year round.

Their facility is still available to rent out for events.

### **DISCUSSION**

Walter Whitfield mentioned investing in signs welcoming military personnel when they come through town. US 17 was designated a military highway connecting several military installations between NC and VA. Walter contacted a local public affairs officer who will be responding with some details.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.