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CITY OF STATESVILLE CALLED COUNCIL MEETING – August 29, 2016
CITY HALL – 227 S. CENTER STREET, STATESVILLE, NC – 12:00 P.M.
STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Mayor Costi Kutteh presiding:

Council Present: J. Johnson, Morgan, Williams, West, Watt via phone

Council Absent: M. Johnson, Schlesinger, Phifer

Staff Present: Pressley, Fugett, Ventresca, Currier, Miller, Harrell, Staley, Gregory, Davis

Media Present Jonathan Weaver-Statesville Record & Landmark

Others 0

I Call to Order

Mayor Kutteh called the meeting to order.

II Consider a request to approve the installation of a sculpture on the property at 203 S. Meeting Street.

Andrew Ventresca stated that in January of 2015 the Iredell Arts Council was granted permission to install a sculpture called "The Window" located in the Northeast corner of the property at 203 S. Meeting Street. This sculpture has since been removed. On behalf of the Iredell Arts Council, Mr. Rogelio Calvo has requested to install another sculpture called "Rotunda" into the space formerly occupied by "The Window". This sculpture is a welded stainless steel piece that stands 8'4" tall. The Iredell Arts Council and Iredell County have both endorsed locating the sculpture at this site. Per section 6.09 of the Unified Development Code, the Downtown Design Review Commission (DDRC) must review all art in the Central Business District prior to the art being approved by City Council. The DDRC met this morning and approved this piece contingent upon that the piece would be adjusted if its placement created a dangerous reflection that could impair nearby traffic.

Mayor Kutteh stated he would like to see something installed that would tell who the artist is and information about the piece.

Council member Morgan made a motion to approve the installation of a sculpture on the property at 203 S. Meeting Street, seconded by Council member J. Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

III Consider a request to approve the installation of sculptures in the sculpture park at 202 N. Center Street.

Mr. Ventresca stated that the lot located at 202 N. Center Street (corner of N. Center and E. Water Streets) next to the Gordon's Building was developed into a "pocket park" in early 2016. This park is meant to display art and will have sculptures that will change periodically. On behalf of the Community Appearance Commission, Ms. Lynn Miller has requested to install 5 sculptures on the property. Mr. Ventresca reviewed a site plan that showed the placement of the sculptures and photos of the sculptures. Descriptions are as follows:

Sorlien's Head #1 – Is a piece sculpted by Nicholas Alexandros Sorlien. It is a 10" X 10" X 10" concrete head that will be located at space number 10.

Freedom Flight – Is a piece sculpted by Timothy Savage Werrell. It will be located at space number 8.

Ballyhoo – Is a piece sculpted by Timothy Savage Werrell. It will be located at space number 3 inside the mulch bed.

Singularity – Is a piece sculpted by D. Gingres. It will be located at space number 2.

Mother & Child – Is a piece sculpted by Adam Walls. It will be located at space number 7.

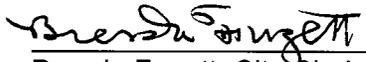
Mayor Kutteh advised that if the artist sells the piece it will still remain for a year and the City will get 20% of the sale price. The cost to rent the pieces varies from \$300 to \$500 which has been paid by private sponsors. The only piece that will be purchased is Sorlien's Head #1.

Council member Williams made a motion to approve a request to install sculptures in the sculpture park at 202 N. Center Street, seconded by Council member Morgan. The motion carried unanimously.

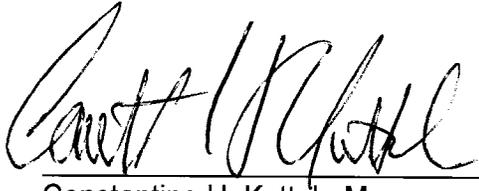
Mr. Ventresca asked that Council allow the Community Appearance Commission to approve the art in the Sculpture Park and on Rogelio's wall instead of it needing to be reviewed by the DDRC and the City Council. DDRC agreed with this at their meeting this morning. Staff will draft a text amendment to present to Council in the future.

Council member West made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council member Morgan. The motion carried unanimously.

Attest:


Brenda Fugett, City Clerk




Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor