

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE  
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION  
5:30 P.M. THURSDAY, FEB. 7, 2007  
TOWN HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: MIKE GILLESPIE, SARAH KUCHARSKI, PHILAN MEDFORD, KAAREN STONER, MARILYN SULLIVAN, NORETTA TAYLOR

MEMBERS ABSENT: PETER STERLING, NICOLE WILHELM

ALSO PRESENT: RON HUELSTER

The mission of the Waynesville Public Art Commission is to engage the community so as to enrich the public realm through original public art that celebrates Waynesville's unique historic, cultural, natural and human resources.

Chairman Mike Gillespie called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JAN. 11, 2007

Stoner motions for approval as written, Taylor seconds. Minutes were unanimously approved.

TASK FORCES

Artist Relations — Taylor questioned whether administrative support could be set up for the PAC for artists to ask questions when a call is made. She talked with Kay Waldrop about the logistics of the PAC working with the Arts Council. Huelster said that an agreement also could be worked with DWA. Huelster agreed to talk to Phyllis McClure

Stoner said she had talked to a photographer about getting some publicity shots for the PAC of Grace Cathey's Twilight Gate. The photographer asked if there were additional shots desired. Stoner said that it might be a good idea to get shots of the proposed sites discussed, as well as the public art that already exists in town. Stoner said that she also is working on an email list of artist to make a call to artists. She presented draft of a call for artists eligibility requirement list, giving PAC members an idea of where artists participating in PAC projects could likely come from residency wise.

Community Relations — Gillespie says that he got about seven inquiries about task force applications, and four returned. Margaret Maggie Gray would like to be on artist relations, projects and community relations in that order. She is an artist with an interest in photography. Paula Balado, Gallery manager of Haywood Co. Arts council, would like to be on artist relations or projects task forces. Chris Collier, manager of Textures, wants to be on projects, artist relations and community relations task forces in that order. Donna

Buckner, a former downtown business woman, wants to be on projects and artists relations task forces in that order. Sandra Owen would like to be on the project task force. Donna Buckner, Chris Collier, Sandra Owen were appointed to projects, and Margaret Gray and Paula Balado were appointed to artist relations. Gillespie said that Dave Blevins who owns the Exxon on the corner was very supportive of the program and is interested in possibly getting involved. PAC members agreed that Blevins might be someone good to get involved in fundraising.

Projects — Sullivan presented a list of potential projects such as the Gateway to the Smokies as the topic, the site as the sidewalk near town hall. Commission members were concerned about the first project being a sign, and at a site that currently has Grace Cathey's Bears and a coming Civil War marker. Sullivan agreed to use her new task force members and work with the Historical Commission and Society to develop ideas. PAC members would like to get something done fast to have something to show for their work, but there is also concern about making sure the project is indeed art.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chris Sylvester has submitted an application to be a PAC member and we are now waiting on the town board to formally approve her membership.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. March 8.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Sullivan motions, Wilhelm seconded. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Chairman Mike Gillespie

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Secretary Sarah Kucharski