

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

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE  
TOWN HALL  
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION  
5:30 PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: MIKE GILLESPIE, PHILAN MEDFORD, MARILYN SULLIVAN, KAAREN STONER, DAVID BLEVINS, KAREN KAUFMAN, CHRIS SYLVESTER

MEMBERS ABSENT: SARAH KUCHARSKI, NORETTA TAYLOR

ALSO PRESENT: ALISON MELNIKOVA

Chairman Mike Gillespie called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 14 REGULAR MEETING. Kaaren Stoner moves that the minutes be accepted as read. David Blevins seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Kaaren Stoner reported that the financial statement was the same as last month until today when we received the \$4300 payment from TDA. It will be reflected in next month's report. Mike Gillespie asks for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Philan Medford moves, Marilyn Sullivan seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

#### TASK FORCE REPORTS

**Projects** Philan Medford told the commission about a meeting Monday with Fred Baker. She felt he had done a great job of explaining the architectural drawings. She believed that there was considerable confusion after our last meeting and was looking for more detailed information. ADW (architects) were asked to redo drawings to make it easier to understand. Fred Baker said he would go to Tuscola to talk to the students. Philan said OSHA and C of O (certificate of occupancy) needs are important. All communications with students should be digital – emails. The design will be a conceptual paver plan with ADW making the final decision.

Chris Sylvester expressed concern over the use of the term “conceptual”. She felt this needs to be well defined, not conceptual. Discussion followed concerning some of the wording in the design competition announcement, the need to simplify what information is given to the students. Mike felt that a copy of the elevation and a simple drawing of the space concerned would be adequate – the “brick” area on the plans is the palate. They would need to know where tree pits and doors are located. Chris said she could scan in a drawing to simplify what the student will work with.

Kaaren Stoner said she had sent an email to the Tuscola art teacher. She is currently quite busy with school start up but would meet with Fred and the task force in the near future to talk more about the scheduling of this design competition. There was also discussion of paver color and details and that samples might be helpful to the students. Mike also expressed concern about the constraint implied by the wording in the guidelines concerning “encourage people to move towards the entrance”. Kaaren will work on a final copy of the guidelines and asked anyone who wants to contribute to please let her know.

Mike asked for a motion concerning this project. Marilyn Sullivan moved that the topic for the design competition be a heritage of service and friendship. Chris Sylvester seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike asked about the Folkmoot project. Philan said that three sites have been suggested but that no vote has been taken. She was concentrating on the paver project at this time. She was also concerned about the impact the paver design would have on Folkmoot if the Police Station site were chosen.

Mike said that we have been awarded money for the Folkmoot project from TDA that must be spent by the end of next June so asked that the Projects Task Force please come to the commission with site recommendations and a timeline by our next meeting.

**Artist Relations** – No report.

**Community Relations** – Chris asked Karen Kaufman to tell us about the details for the upcoming reception for our first art installation. Karen described the menu planned, what would be provided and the cost. She has already secured the PO number for this expense and Noretta Taylor has offered that if the cost should go over this proposed amount, she would make up the difference as a contribution. We discussed how the event should flow and in particular, how we should see that our artist, Stefan Bonitz is introduced to as many people as possible.

Karen also told the commission about the music for the evening. There will be two musicians at \$200 each for the reception from 6:00 to 7:15. She is not sure at this time if they will be able to play at the actual dedication site at 7:30 but will work this out.

Kaaren Stoner moved that we approve a \$400 payment to the musicians for the reception. Philan Medford seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion followed concerning additional invitees to the event and it was agreed that in addition to the current list of donors, we should include those merchants and individuals who contributed items for the silent auction.

Chris has contacted the Chamber of Commerce and they will provide ribbon and scissors to use for the dedication ceremony. Chris will also do a poster for the site thanking donors. Mike has contacted WLOS –TV and asked that they cover the event. He will follow up on this as the day approaches.

We still have two of the quilt/dulcimer art pieces and to have each framed in a shadow box with a brass plaque commemorating this first project will cost about \$200 a piece.

Kaaren Stoner moved that we present these framed art pieces to the Town of Waynesville and the Downtown Waynesville Association at the reception. Philan Medford seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kaaren had 5 more of the dulcimers and gave them to Mike to consider how we might use these as a fund raiser, contest or as tokens of appreciation. There are also CD's and DVD's that directly relate to this project so need to be utilized by Oct 3.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mike presented a drawing for a possible semi-permanent marker identifying the art piece with information about WPAC and the future of public art. We agreed that this would be good but also that it was temporary and that more permanent signage would be considered once multiple installations were made. There followed some discussion about signs in general, costs and the need to involve Fred Baker concerning placement.

Kaaren Stoner moved that we proceed with the sign proposal, moving forward in order to have this in place by October 3. Karen Kaufman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Kaaren said she has emailed Steebo and basically turned over the remainder of this process to the town to assist in the installation of the art work.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Karen Kaufman moves that we adjourn. Kaaren Stoner seconds. The motion is unanimously approved. Meeting adjourns at 7:20 PM.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held at 5:30 PM, Thursday, October 9, 2008.

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Chairman, Mike Gillespie

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Secretary, Marilyn Sullivan