

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.

SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
5:30 PM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009
TOWN HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: MIKE GILLESPIE, MARILYN SULLIVAN, PHILAN MEDFORD, KAAREN STONER, KAREN KAUFMAN, STARR HOGAN, MIEKO THOMSON, DAVID BLEVINS

MEMBERS ABSENT: CHRIS SYLVESTER

Mike Gillespie called the meeting to order at 5:30.

Our first topic for discussion was a change of date for the artist presentations for the Folkmoot project. Because schools have spring break at that time, many of the commission members will not be available and it was felt several who might be asked to participate on the advisory panel would also have other plans. Mieko Thomson made a motion that we change the artist presentation date from the 18th to the 25th. Marilyn Sullivan seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

A budget update was next on the agenda and Kaaren Stoner walked us through the details of a budget request letter she had prepared that in addition to the current budget request outlined the details of funds raised in the past year. Kaaren also described some of the confusion and misunderstandings concerning the accounting procedures of the Town. We have all been working under these misconceptions as the Town has tried to work out just how to handle the new accounting element that this commission represents. Since we are unique to the system, it has taken some time to work out how to keep our funds separated and treated differently from normal town funds. Kaaren has had several discussions with Alison Melnikova and with Eddie Caldwell and believes everyone now has the same understanding of the process. There was discussion about the details in the budget request letter and whether or not this was necessary to go to the board of aldermen or would it just confuse them in light of the budget we have already submitted. It was concluded that the letter was not to be sent, that if we found the accounting details confusing, the aldermen would find it more so. Alison has a copy of the letter so the details are known to the town but it is not needed to gain approval of the budget request as it currently exists.

Discussion followed concerning the Advisory Panel and how the voting would take place for the Folkmoot piece. There was also discussion concerning the involvement of the architects in this panel. Lee Galloway has expressed concern that in the previous, paver project, we asked the architects for their opinion then did something different. He did not want to see that happen again. He will leave it up to the commission as to the level of involvement we determine for the architects. We also discussed the possibility of having the advisory panel do the actual voting for the final piece. It was felt that this might be a problem considering the level of expertise in the group for determining such things as durability of materials and other maintenance considerations. We agreed that the advisory panel should provide the input as they did last year that the commission would then use along with expert opinions in determining the final winner of the commission.

Mike then talked about the lighting of Old Time Music. At our last regular meeting, the commission approved the expenditure of \$2088.97 for lights and installation. However, it was recently learned that the electrician's estimate was based on 2 lights but the recommendation of Jeff Reese was for 4 lights. This has been a very difficult process that has been going on since the installation in October. There has been little or no assistance from town personnel in trying to make this happen and Mike has had to contact electricians, lighting people and others to see how this can be accomplished. We discussed the possibility of a second estimate for electrician's services and also the recommendation of 4 lights versus 2. David Blevins said he will take this up and pursue other possibilities and report to the commission at the next regular meeting.

Karen Kaufman moved that we adjourn. Miekio Thomson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:25.

Mike Gillespie, Chairman

Marilyn Sullivan, Secretary