

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, APRIL 9, 2009

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12 REGULAR MEETING. David Blevins moves that the minutes be accepted as read with the \$4000 amount corrected. Philan Medford seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Kaaren Stoner referred to the written report provided to the commission and noted that activity this month included one donation and the payment of honoraria to the Folkmoot finalists. Purchase orders have been issued for the electrical work but no activity at this point. Chris Sylvester moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. Starr Hogan seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

#### TASK FORCE REPORTS

**Projects** – Philan Medford referred to the written report submitted to the commission concerning a project at the Waynesville Commons. She passed out an additional sheet of photos from the Dayco era and explained that this information came from Robert Hyatt. The theme the task force is proposing is, "People, Pride and Pontoons". Philan went on to talk about the workers pride in their accomplishments and hard work as evidenced in reports and awards given. Her objective is to make this project site specific ~ unique to Waynesville. David Blevins felt the theme was a good one but wanted to be sure that the union would not be glorified. Discussion followed concerning this theme, the site, the money.

Mike Gillespie stated that he had sent an email to Mayor Gavin Brown to ask if he were in a position to ask for a significant donation from the developer and Best Buys. We followed this with discussion of the money being requested, what amount did we believe was needed and would the project go forward regardless.

Additional topics were also discussed. There was concern expressed about whether or not newcomers to the area or tourists would relate to this theme. We talked about topics that people can get excited about. Several topics that are still potential projects were discussed along with potential sites. There is concern that not all projects can or should be site specific ~ that this is a rather limiting factor. If the project at the Commons is about “Dayco” then donations from former employees could be expected.

Philan made a motion that we accept the title of the work contingent upon \$10,000 being raised by Gavin Brown and friends from the developers and business at the Waynesville Commons. Starr Hogan seconded.

The Commission then discussed alternatives to the Dayco theme if the dollars are not available. We discussed the need to have Frog Level and Hazelwood involved to some degree. It was pointed out that we should keep tourism in mind as the Commons site will be one of the most visited in the county. This site is easily reached, good visibility for the art work and could represent a photo opportunity. We continued to discuss the proposed theme and agreed that acknowledging the industry that supported the community was a good idea but we might want to alter the title leaving pontoons out of the equation. We concluded that a project at the Commons that recognized the influence of manufacturing was in keeping with our mission and it should be pursued whether or not funds are forthcoming from the developer/business.

Philan rescinded her previous motion and moved that the theme for a proposed project at Waynesville Commons shall reflect the industry and manufacturing history of the site. Mieko Thomson seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

**Artist Relations** – Kaaren Stoner passed out copies of the agenda for the advisory panel. All of the presenters have confirmed. Mike has packets ready to send to the advisory panel and will leave these for Alison. We concluded that the number was sufficient and that additional members of the panel were not needed. We then discussed having refreshments that morning. Mieko will handle putting together food. Chris will talk to Alison about coffee and also name tags for all attendees at the event.

Kaaren will email Alison to have the agenda printed. She will print the evaluation forms. Chris and Starr expressed an interest in seeing this form so Kaaren will email a copy to them for their input.

**Community Relations** – No activity at this time.

**Fundraising** – Mieko has letters ready to send to lead donors on April 15. She plans to include a site plan for the Folkmoot project with the letter. It was determined that this is available on the town web site and prints could be made from this.

Mieko also told the Commission that the only date Folkmoot could make a dance group available for a potential fundraiser was noon of July 18. We determined that noon on a Saturday was not desirable and Mieko will see if possibly an evening time is available.

David suggested that a way to acknowledge our lead donors was by providing tickets for them to the pre-opening Folkmoot event at the Stomping Grounds (changed to Eagle Nest). Miekko will check into this to see if a block of tickets could be set aside for this purpose.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mike told us that Courtney Boessel had met with Fred Baker and others to select colors for the paver design project. The design was revised slightly by the architects to accommodate installation. In addition to color, different shapes of pavers will be used to create the design.

The status of the lighting project is with Fred Baker. The contractor has been waiting to hear from him. He has the purchase orders.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

Kaaren Stoner moves that we adjourn. Miekko Thomson seconds. The motion is unanimously approved. Meeting adjourns at 6:50 PM.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held at 5:30 PM, Thursday, May 14 2009.

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Chairman, Mike Gillespie

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Secretary, Marilyn Sullivan