

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, MAY 14, 2009

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

TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT: Alison Melnikova

ABSENT: MARILYN SULLIVAN

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9 REGULAR MEETING. David Blevins moves that the minutes be accepted as read with the change to the first paragraph under Task Force Reports – Projects: “David Blevins felt the theme was a good one.” deleting the last sentence of this paragraph, and incorporating changes previously sent to Marilyn Sullivan by Kaaren Stoner. Kaaren Stoner seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25 SPECIAL MEETING. Kaaren Stoner moves that the minutes be accepted as read. Mieke Thomson seconds. The motion passes unanimously

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 30 SPECIAL MEETING. Starr Hogan moves that the minutes be accepted as read with the changes sent to Marilyn by Chris Sylvester. Mieke Thomson seconds. The motion passes unanimously

TREASURER’S REPORT

Kaaren Stoner referred to the written report provided to the commission and noted that four (4) \$1000 donations are not showing at this time. Chris Sylvester has receipts to turn into Kaaren Stoner for the food for the Advisory Panel. Chris Sylvester moved that the treasurer’s report be accepted. Philan Medford seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Projects – No report

Artist Relations – David Blevins commended all involved with assembling the Advisory Panel, preparation of food, and the respectfulness to all who attended.

Discussion of the status of the contract for Wayne Trapp: Fred Baker has advised Kaaren Stoner that the contract is ready. Kaaren Stoner is to email Mike Gillespie the updated contract, who will verify Wayne Trapp's correct address. Mike will mail the contract to Wayne Trapp with a cover letter.

There was in depth discussion of the TDA money and time being of the essence. There is \$10,000 remaining to be raised for the Folkmoot art piece, minus the \$4,150 donations expected, leaving a balance of \$6,000. There was an inquiry as to the dollar amount expected from the NC Arts Council grant.

Community Relations – Chris Sylvester – Press Release: Discussion of including flag information, kids and/or seniors, touting Wayne Trapp's notoriety.

Brochures – Insert: Discussion of removing the old inserts and designing a new insert.

Fundraising – Mieko will be requesting donations at various Folkmoot functions and will be placing another article with the local media. Donors who usually give are citing the economy as a reason for expecting less from them.

Meiko also recommended another fundraiser. A June date was discussed and eliminated. Mike Gillespie suggested August, with music and the artist present. Chris Sylvester suggested that Wayne Trapp do a presentation as well.

A venue location was discussed. Chris Sylvester suggested HART, with food outside and speaker inside. Kaaren Stoner suggested the Folkmoot Center, but alcohol is not allowed at this site.

Ticket sales for the Folkmoot event was discussed to allow for better planning of food, drink, etc.

Meiko will be posting a meeting date for the Fundraising Committee and would like anyone wishing to be involved to attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A breakdown of TDA funding to WPAC was discussed. WPAC was awarded \$3,000 (\$1200 available for lighting; \$1500 for advertising IF promoting the art/sculpture in a brochure or rack card; \$300 toward the commission). Much discussion followed including TDA requiring TDA information on all materials, WPAC projects list and the 2010 TDA funds awarded for it, possibly being able to use \$1500 for the brochure. Some WPAC members feel we are being boxed in by these deadlines, yet we are fortunate to receive the funding.

Alison Melnikova will talk to Fred Baker about procedure

The following items were discussed at length:

Easements with property owners

The timeline for possible Hazelwood or Frog Level public art

Waynesville Commons as possible 2010 project, the need to approach Mayor Gavin Brown about Cedarwood money or Best Buy money, the Town's assistance with this

The 2010 Project: Waynesville Commons or Trout? The two available short term sites are Waynesville Recreation Center and Waynesville Commons. Starr Hogan suggested a project brainstorming session to discuss the 2010 projects. It was suggested that the regular June meeting be specifically about the 2010 projects. Karen Kaufman felt that there were perhaps commission members not currently serving on the Projects Task Force that would like to have input on the projects presented. Some commission members were happy with the Projects Task Force as it now functions.

A retreat to discuss fundraising was proposed

All commission members will look at their personal calendars for possible meeting dates to discuss the above items.

NEW BUSINESS

The Frog Level Merchants Association has invited Starr Hogan to their June meeting to talk about the prospect of removable or permanent art in the Frog Level district.

ADJOURNMENT

Karen Kaufman moves that we adjourn. All members second. The motion is unanimously approved. Meeting adjourns at approximately 7:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held at 5:30 PM, Thursday, June 11, 2009.



Chairman, Mike Gillespie



Acting Secretary, Karen Kaufman