

December 9, 2010

Waynesville Public Art Commission
Regular Meeting
4:00 PM
Town Hall

Members present:

Jan Griffin, Chair
Bill King, Vice Chair
Sylvia Everett, Secretary
David Blevins
Kaaren Stoner
Philan Medford
Mieko Thompson
Sarah Jane League

Alison Melnikova, Town Staff

Members Absent:

Ann Melton

Meeting called to order by Chair, Jan Griffin at 4:00 PM.

Minutes of last (Nov.) meeting:

Motion by Kaaren, second by Philan to approve, approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance of \$31,468.21. Some discussion of expected donations. Mieko will follow up. \$10,000 still owed to the artists for Art Connects the Parks. Motion by Philan, second by Kaaren to accept Treasurer's report. Carried.

Art Connects the Parks: Bill King

The dedication went very well. Members expressed pleasure with Bill's role as MC. Good turnout on a cool evening. Good write-up in the paper on December 8th. Oak Park Inn has been thanked for their contribution of housing. Many thanks expressed to Bill for a great job. Reception went well at Gallery 86, well attended, good comments about railing. Everything went very smoothly, thanks to Mieko, Kaaren, and Helen King.

Old Business:

Signage and memorial donation will be taken up in January.

New Business:

Kaaren addressed e-mail from Alison regarding present status of railing, so there is no misunderstanding about comment that Kaaren said they had some freedom to change design, but that it was her personal opinion, and she was not speaking for the commission. One of the artists is there working on railing today. The large salamander has been placed on the rock wall. Top bar, per drawing, seems to be missing. Artist stated that Fred Baker told him that the top bar was not necessary to meet code. The commission was not consulted about removal of top bar and the aesthetic impact.

Jan suggested that the commission appoint an artist's contact person, who will represent all

contact with the artist from the commission. This should be more efficient for artists and clearer for both artist and commission. Any discussion in the commission would be conveyed by that spokesperson. Any questions by artists will go to the artist contact who will bring it to the commission. Reply and decisions will then be conveyed by the contact person. Moved by Sylvia, second by Sarah Jane, to proceed along these guidelines as outlined by Jan. Discussion: The term to be determined, but not by project. Perhaps a two year term. Kaaren has served in the past. Kaaren suggests that we ask for a more finalized drawing after they have signed the contract, also need language in the contract about how design changes are to be made, and a scheduled studio visit. For the future, we need to be more clear about how much we are going to hold artists responsible to produce the project they have been awarded. Unanimously voted to have a single contact person. The chair has the authority to appoint such a contact person.

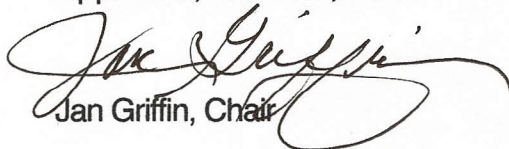
David Blevins was appointed by Jan to represent us as the artist contact person, first to finish the present project.

David asked for clarification of design issues on the present project, especially the church steeple, other trees and other salamanders as well as the top railing. Considerable discussion about whether or not to ask for the railing to be completed according to the drawing or not. There is a difference of opinion among the commissioners about the aesthetic outcome. David will talk with the artists about what is possible to finish the wall. In addition, the committee, through the town, should reimburse them for cost of rebuilding the wall.

Next regular meeting will be January 13, 2011, 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia J. Everett, Secretary

Approved, Jan. 20, 2011


Jan Griffin, Chair