

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
5:30 P.M. THURSDAY, SEPT. 14, 2006
TOWN HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: MIKE GILLESPIE, SARAH KUCHARSKI, PHILAN MEDFORD, PETER STERLING, KAAREN STONER, MARILYN SULLIVAN, NORRETTA TAYLOR

MEMBERS ABSENT: GEORGE ESCARAVAGE, NICOLE WILHELM

ALSO PRESENT: RON HUELSTER

Vice Chairman Mike Gillespie called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPT. 14, 2006

Board members discussed inclusion of mission statements on minutes and on the town Web page. Stoner asks for a correction to the 8.10.06 minutes in a phrase referencing the DOT and old Gateway to the Smokies sign to include the word “not,” as to read “But because of DOT regulations it can not be rebuilt.” Sullivan also asks that the minutes reflect that she volunteered specifically for the project task force, as written on page 3 of the minutes. Taylor motions for approval as amended, Stoner seconds. Minutes were unanimously approved.

TASK FORCE APPOINTMENTS

Stoner and Taylor say that they will co-chair the artist relations task force. Huelster says that Catharine Ellis and Bill Eleazer have also agreed to be on that task force. Board members elect Wilhelm also to serve on artist relations. Sullivan agrees to chair the projects task force, with Medford and Sterling as members. Board members elect Escaravage to be chair of the community relations task force, with Gillespie and Kucharski as members.

PROJECTS TASK FORCE UPDATE

Medford and Sullivan say they have come up with a list of people to solicit to be on the task force. They will begin to talk to those potential members, which they also hope will include a local student. The current plan is to look at potential project based on three identified topics — Donald Davis, Gateway to the Smokies, and Smoky Mountain Folk Festival. However, Sterling wants to get the community more engaged to pick the topics. Sullivan said that the project task force must figure out whether they want to pick an art project or go to the community first. Sullivan says that perhaps they should pick a site first, then pick a project to fit that site. Medford disagrees, saying that there are three topics that correlate with three specific sites and so should be picked concurrently. All in all the process should be decided in the project task force. Medford asks that all

committees submit minutes of their meetings to the secretary, which will be done a week before each monthly meeting for inclusion in the total meeting minute package. The board agreed it was a good idea.

NEW BUSINESS

Medford wants board members to all be familiar with public art projects in the area and recommends the Asheville Urban Trail, the NC Arboretum Art Walk, and the NC Zoo's commissioned work viewable online.

SOLICITATION OF TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Kucharski agrees to write a release looking for task force members to publish in local newspapers. It will be sent out to board members to consider.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Commission set its next meeting for 5:30 p.m. Nov. 9, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

Sullivan motions, Taylor seconded. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Mike Gillespie

Secretary Sarah Kucharski