

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: GEORGE ESCARAVAGE

ALSO PRESENT: WARREN GRESHAM

Vice Chairman Mike Gillespie called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOV. 9, 2006

Taylor motions for approval as written, Stoner seconds. Minutes were unanimously approved.

TASK FORCES

Artist Relations — Stoner said that she had inquired with arts community members about serving on the artist relations task force. Taylor said that she borrowed some craft magazine from an artist so for when it comes time to solicit artists — the magazine features downtown associations advertising calls for artists.

Community Relations — Kucharski gave PAC members a proposed news release soliciting for members to join task forces and an application for interested members. Changes were made so as not to include information about the end of the Streetscapes program, and should include reference to Waynesville becoming a Main Street community and its historical district, generally make the release more upbeat in nature, and reduce the amount of historical information.

In discussing the press release, Stoner made the motion to change the wording of the mission statement from “The Public Art Commission’s mission” to “The mission of the Waynesville Public Art Commission...” The change was unanimously approved.

Kucharski agreed to send out a revised version of the press release to PAC members via email.

Regarding the application, Medford said that perhaps the application should be the town’s official application. However, Gillespie said that he thought the application would be fine for the PAC’s purposes. Changes were made to make clear that the application

was to join a task force, and to ask applicants to rank their preferences, should a task force be full.

Projects — The task force decided not to meet until further direction is received, Sullivan said.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Escaravage has submitted his resignation from the PAC due to scheduling difficulties. “Due to my current schedule, as evident by my frequent absences from the Waynesville Public Arts Commission (PAC) meetings, I think it's best for all concerned that I resign my membership on the PAC effective immediately. I regret this action but it's only fair to the commission to find someone who can devote the required time necessary to fulfill their very important mission,” Escaravage wrote to board members. Sterling motioned to accept Escaravage’s resignation, Medford seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Medford recommended Chris Sylvester, who runs the graphic arts department for HRMC, to become a commission member. Stoner recommended Warren Gresham. Gresham asked about what rules were in terms of conflict of interest and whether PAC members can participate as artists. Gillespie says that the policy is that a person may serve, though if he or she becomes interested in participating as an artist he or she may need to exclude themselves from voting.

Board members discussed how to go about appointing a new member. Technically the town government makes appointments. Gillespie says that the PAC should make a recommendation to the town board, and the town board will accept or decline the recommendation.

Medford said that Sylvester has been in the area for a while and knows about its history. Stoner said that Gresham has technical expertise as an architect that could be of use to the PAC. Taylor said that Gresham might have good contacts come fundraising time; however, Stoner said that Sylvester might have the same access to contacts. Gillespie said that he leans toward Gresham. A vote was called. Medford and Sullivan voted in favor of Sylvester. Gillespie, Taylor, Wilhelm, Stoner and Kucharski voted for Gresham. Gresham agrees to submit an application to the town.

ELECTION OF A NEW CHAIRMAN

Gillespie says that although he has been filling in for Escaravage, he does not want PAC members to assume he will take the position. With the solicitation of nominations, Taylor nominates Gillespie. Medford seconded. His appointment was unanimously approved. Sullivan nominates Taylor to fill Gillespie’s now vacant position of Vice Chairman. Stoner seconded. The appointment was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Wilhelm asks if there is a list of public land that can be considered for a public art project. There not being one, Wilhelm agrees to work with public works director Fred Baker to compile one.

NEXT MEETING

The Commission set its next meeting for 5:30 p.m. Jan. 11, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

Medford motions, Sullivan seconded. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Chairman Mike Gillespie

Secretary Sarah Kucharski