

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE  
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION  
5:30 P.M.  
THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: MIKE GILLESPIE, PHILAN MEDFORD, MARILYN SULLIVAN, PETER STERLING, NORETTA TAYLOR, NICOLE WILHELM, CHRIS SYLVESTER

MEMBERS ABSENT: KAAREN STONER, SARAH KUCHARSKI

ALSO PRESENT: FRED BAKER

The mission of the Waynesville Public Art Commission is to engage the community so as to enrich the public realm through original public art that celebrates Waynesville's unique historic, cultural, natural and human resources.

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

Mike indicated that he had asked Fred Baker to join us and because of his schedule, wanted his comments to be first on the agenda. He asked Fred if he could comment about how funding was suppose to flow for our commission and projects. Fred said the idea of forming the commission was sold to the Town Board based on it being a partnership of private and public funds. He said that the town would support projects via insurance, maintenance, repairs, etc. as they had done for Streetscapes. He felt that the street department could also provide in-kind support and that the town would support us administratively for such things as mailings, copying, etc. He stressed that the majority of our funding should come through public fund raising activities and that seeking funding from the town should be a last resort.

Fred advised that we seek as many associates as possible like the Arts Council and make applications for grants that are available. Knowing about other fund raising activities in the area would be important so there is no conflict. He reminded us that donations are tax deductible. He did not encourage the pursuit of a % for Art. Since this is our first project, he felt the town would step up and help after we've done initial fund raising and have the majority of our requirements from the private sector.

Following Fred's talk there was discussion about fund raising and how to get this started. There is a need to have people involved with experience in this area. Strategies need to be developed keeping in mind that there is considerable competition for charitable dollars. There should also be guidelines for solicitation as well as an established ethical policy regarding fund raising.

We also referred to the original ordinance that formed this commission wherein we are to elect officers for the coming year. A slate is announced and the commission has 30 days before a vote is taken. It was suggested that the current officers remain in place and this was agreed to by all members present. A vote will be taken at the July meeting.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2007

Philan Medford motions for approval as written, Noretta Taylor seconds. Minutes were unanimously approved.

## TASK FORCES

Projects -- Marilyn Sullivan provided a report about a potential exhibit using entries for the Folkmoot poster contest. Various options were given but it was decided that in light of the many organizational and procedural questions to be addressed that this would be a good project to table and pursue next year.

Artist Relations -- Noretta Taylor described a meeting with Fred Baker and provided us with a detailed report of that meeting as well as a site plan for the Miller Street location. There was some discussion about having Joe Sam Queen participate in the selection of the artist for the project. We also discussed the need to have Joe Sam involved and help to champion our cause as well as getting the support of town aldermen. It was decided that Peter Sterling would contact Joe Sam to arrange a meeting and Noretta would contact Libba Feichter and Gavin Brown for the same. There was discussion of grant applications and various sources and time lines. There is a need to have a list of potential sources and what their schedules are.

Community Relations -- The brochure is still in the planning stages. We don't want to rush this item since it will be what announces us to the community and should be something that generates interest as well as excitement in the future of public art in Waynesville. We talked about price and number of copies, but no decision made at this time. We continued discussion of policies and procedures and all agree there is a need for a formal document outlining specifics. It was agreed that this should be handled in committee (task force) with a document for the commission's agreement. This needs to be done soon and in conjunction with on-going pursuit of fund raising information, sponsors, etc.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

Mike asked that we have task force reports and any new or unfinished business we want to cover submitted via email to commission members 1 week prior to the each scheduled meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

Peter Sterling motions, Chris Sylvester seconds. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 P. M.

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Chairman, Mike Gillespie

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Marilyn Sullivan, Acting Secretary

