

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
5:30 P.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: MIKE GILLESPIE, PHILAN MEDFORD, MARILYN SULLIVAN, KAAREN STONER, SARAH KUCHARSKI, NORETTA TAYLOR

MEMBERS ABSENT: NICOLE WILHELM, CHRIS SYLVESTER

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 5:35 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

Kaaren Stoner moves that the minutes be approved as read. Noretta Taylor seconds. The minutes were unanimously approved.

TASK FORCES

Projects – Version 3 of the Guidelines and Procedures was presented. It was decided that all Commission members would review the documents thoroughly and we would vote on acceptance at the next meeting.

Also presented was a list of possible future projects and sites. We believe that once our initial project is underway, we should have ideas for other projects, large and small, that could be initiated in a timely manner. Philan Medford also expressed the need to identify projects for the purpose of going after grant money. In order to move on this process it was decided to have a Projects Task Force meeting between now and the next Commission meeting. It was also agreed that Karen Kaufman, who will fill the vacant Commission seat after Town Board approval, should be included in this Task Force meeting.

There was further discussion regarding purchases of art and also about the possibility of the art trail. We concluded that these details should be worked out in a Task Force meeting.

Artist Relations - Kaaren Stoner presented the Call for Artists documents including the press release and the application process. The Commission reviewed each document in detail making changes or suggestions for each. In particular, we worked on the art project schedule and developed the following:

1. Application deadline: January 15, 2008
2. Finalist Artist notification: February 15, 2008
3. Finalist presentations: April 26, 2008
4. Artist notification: May 9, 2008
5. Artist reception: May 22, 2008

6. Fabrication complete: October 30, 2008
7. Installation: November 3 to 6, 2008
8. Unveiling and Grand Reception: November 7, 2008

The plan is to issue the call on November 15. We discussed the web site and when Nicole Wilhelm will have that ready for posting. We agreed to keep to the November 15 date. Kaaren Stoner will have corrected copies of the three documents available by October 10.

Community Relations - Mike Gillespie mentioned the fund raiser that will be May 22. Details will be developed.

OLD BUSINESS

Karen Kaufman has submitted an application for membership on the Commission and this should be reviewed by the Town Board at their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Marilyn Sullivan proposed that we alter the wording of the mission statement, changing “so as to” to “and” and changing “realm” to “spaces”. Following discussion, Philan Medford moved that the mission statement be changed. Sarah Kucharski seconds. The motion carried unanimously. The new statement reads as follows:

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Sarah Kucharski moves to adjourn. Kaaren Stoner seconds. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

ADDENDUM

Although we did not discuss this at our meeting, it should be noted that our request for funding was presented to the Town Board on September 25, 2007. This request included details of our proposed strategy for the first project, how we would pursue the call for artists and plans for a fund-raising campaign. The total amount requested was \$7500 and this amount was approved.

Chairman, Mike Gillespie

Secretary, Marilyn Sullivan