

SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
11:00 A.M, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: MIKE GILLESPIE, MARILYN SULLIVAN, CHRIS SYLVESTER, NORETTA TAYLOR, KAREN KAUFMAN, PHILAN MEDFORD,

ALSO PRESENT: FRED BAKER, DONNA BUCKNER, SANDRA OWEN, BILL HOLLINGSSED

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.

The purpose of this meeting was to have Fred Baker review with us the plans for the new Police Department to determine if there were areas where art could be incorporated within the existing budget and to see where art might be added at a future time.

Fred explained that the existing plans do not meet the town's standards of permeability and therefore, the large expanse of brick in some areas would probably be changed. If they remain, there is the potential to incorporate artwork in the surface; however, since this will probably be altered with windows, that would not be the most desirable space.

The atrium, which will be approximately 20 square feet, has potential for artwork.

The Police Chief, Bill Hollingsed, joined us and was very interested in our ideas for incorporating art into the plans. He also told us that the next meeting with the architects would be January 9, 2008 at 10:00 AM in the Mayor's office. We will put together our case for attending and ask Lee Galloway if this would be appropriate.

We discussed several items that could be done artistically including the pavers at the entrance plaza where a design could be incorporated with no additional cost by using several colors and having an artist develop a design. The retaining wall on the East Street side of the building could be enhanced with artistic work. Also, it appears that a fence will be necessary on the wall for safety reasons and this could be designed by an artist. Additionally, the railing on the second floor over the atrium could be enhanced by having an artist involved in the design. It was felt that these items could easily be done with minimal cost, mostly fees for the artist, and within the budget for the items mentioned.

Other areas discussed for future projects included a kinetic sculpture that would hang from the ceiling of the atrium. Benches that are shown in the design for both the front of the building and the park area could be enhanced by artistic design. There are conference rooms, stairwells and public spaces that could have textile wall hangings, paintings or wall-mounted sculpture. Also for future consideration is the park area behind the building.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 P.M

Mike Gillespie, Chairman

Marilyn Sullivan, Secretary