

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.

SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
7:00 PM, JANUARY 31, 2008
WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: SARAH KUCHARSKI

ALSO PRESENT: JEFF SCHMERKER, JOAN ROUTH, GINNY BOYER, BERNIE FRIEDKIN, LYNN SYLVESTER, KENNY MULL, GRACE CATHEY, REX FEICHTER, LIBBA FEICHTER, LEROY ROBERSON, BETTE SPREKTER, BRUCE BRIGGS, JULIE CHITEA, CRISTINA AMMONS, JOLYNN BRYANT, KAY WALDROP, TERESA PENNINGTON, GARY CALDWELL, GAVIN BROWN, LARRY AMMONS

The meeting began at 7:15 PM.

The purpose of this meeting was to present to invited guests, representing boards and commissions of the Town as well as Town Aldermen and County Commissioners, the information that was reviewed by WPAC on January 29 (see minutes of that meeting for details about the presentation).

Mike Gillespie opened the meeting with a welcome to all attendees and a brief description of what they were going to see and what we hoped to accomplish through this presentation.

Following the power-point presentation, Mike asked if there were any questions or comments.

Q: One of the slides indicated that the Town has given \$9000 to WPAC. Will this be the amount given every year?

A: We had a specific request this year for our inaugural project and the Town granted that request. The Town has made a commitment to support WPAC. Future requests will be based on what is required.

Comment: It was pointed out to the attendees that 4 or 5 sites have already been identified for future projects. This is an on-going program and we should find that various projects may overlap as multiple ideas are pursued.

Q: Is the Frog Level area involved in downtown?

A: Frog Level is definitely an area considered for future art projects as is any site within Waynesville Town limits.

This is not just a downtown program. We felt that it was appropriate for the inaugural project to be centrally located downtown.

Hazelwood will also have an opportunity to be involved.

Libba Feichter, Town Alderman, expressed her appreciation to WPAC for what they have accomplished stating that she knows how difficult it is for private individuals to see how things are done within the town structure and she is very grateful to those participating.

Gavin Brown, Mayor, stated that this Board would have no unfunded mandates. They gave WPAC a mission and they would support us.

Mike Gillespie also directed the attendees to review the information about WPAC and this project on the Town website. He also indicated that the site would be updated throughout this process as our project schedule evolves.

Chris Sylvester mentioned that WPAC was looking for a new commission member and if anyone attending was interested or knew anyone who might be, please apply either by using the web site for application forms or coming by Town Hall for an application.

The presentation was very well received and comments indicated that it was so thorough and complete everyone understood and supported the efforts being made by WPAC without further explanation or question.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05PM

Mike Gillespie, Chairman

Marilyn Sullivan, Secretary