

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.

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
5:30 PM, MONDAY, JULY 14, 2008

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

MEMBERS ABSENT; SARAH KUCHARSKI

ALSO PRESENT: FRED BAKER

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 9 REGULAR MEETING. Karen Kaufman moves that the minutes be accepted as read. Kaaren Stoner seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kaaren Stoner provided a report showing sources and uses of funds from June 30, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Kaaren said that the format used in the future would be that of this current report. David Blevins asked if our funds were in a separate account. Mike Gillespie stated that our funds are in the town's account and that WPAC was a separate line item for accounting. David also asked about the \$15,000 payable to the artist for the current project. It is not shown on the report but will come from the current \$20,000 balance. Kaaren read an email from Eddie Caldwell concerning budgets as follows: "The budget has \$30,000 in revenues (\$12,000 to be provided by the town and the rest, \$18,000 through donations). The expenditures also have \$30,000."

There was a brief discussion about the CD's and DVD's remaining from the fundraiser, what was the expense involved and what is the plan for them. No conclusion at this time.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Projects – Marilyn Sullivan provided two reports for the commission's review. One was a basic outline to cover the steps involved in the project process and the other referred to the specific projects currently approved. Marilyn asked that Kaaren Stoner and Chris Sylvester meet with her to discuss the details of these projects and develop a plan to bring to the commission in the near future.

Philan Medford mentioned the GSMNP project and talked about images she has been gathering and about getting students involved in a project concerning the parade that was held in Waynesville for the dedication of the park. It was pointed out that no decision has yet been made concerning what form the GSMNP commemorative would take.

Noretta Taylor asked Fred Baker about the planned contest for students relative to the pavers on the plaza in front of the new police station. Fred said the idea was fine with him although he felt we should broaden the call to include HCC, UNCA, etc. Discussion followed and the commission concluded that the original intent was to involve just students in Waynesville and it was felt that the talent base was big enough that an acceptable design would be forthcoming.

We then asked about shapes, sizes and colors of pavers available. Fred did not know these details and told us to go online and get a brochure from the manufacturer, Metromont. What will be used actually depends on the budget. We then talked about the space available and how to define this for the contest. It was determined that more detail is needed and Marilyn and David Blevins will schedule a meeting with Fred to work on this.

Artist Relations – Kaaren said that the artist had requested August 1 as the date to visit his studio and check the progress of the work. Those attending agreed to this date and the time of 9:30 was chosen. Fred Baker will request a town van for transporting Noretta, Mike, Kaaren and possibly Sarah. Everyone is to meet at town hall. There may also be a reporter from SMN.

Community Relations – The commission discussed the details of an Installation Ceremony which will be held October 3 during Art After Dark. It was agreed that a pre-party given for our donors would be appropriate. Noretta mentioned a musical duo, Brian and Emily McDowell, who would be great for entertainment at the event. She will check into availability and cost. We agreed that invitations would be sent to donors. Details of where to have the party and particulars about the ceremony will be worked out and covered at a future meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kaaren asked that we discuss the removal of downtown sculptures prior to our new installation. This was an item that was brought up some time ago with no conclusion drawn. The commission discussed the pros and cons of this action and concluded that the best approach would be to remove the sculptures as they would be replaced. Most are not that visible and the one that is, the dinosaur, would have to be removed when the mini park is re-done.

Kaaren also asked about task forces and whether or not we were going to keep the current configuration. Mike said that he would start discussion on this via email and by the next meeting we would know where people are assigned. There was also talk about the need for more people on the task forces.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of officers. At our last meeting a motion was made and carried that we keep the same slate of officers for the coming year. Mike asked if there was any discussion at this time. He then asked for approval of this motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kaaren brought up the subject of a mural at High Country. The artist apparently did this voluntarily and now wants a ceremony to dedicate it and wants to include WPAC. Since it is on private property and does not reflect our mission goals it would not be appropriate for us to be involved as WPAC. If individuals want to participate, that would be ok, but there will be no official participation by WPAC.

David asked about murals in general and what the commission's attitude was concerning murals. Although most agree murals are fine, Fred pointed out that the Town's philosophy has been to stay away from murals while Canton is doing them.

The next topic was the Hildreth estate funds of \$5000. There has been some confusion as to how the funds should be spent. It needs to be determined if these funds can be mixed with others for a project or are they designated for a stand-alone item. Mike and Chris agreed to meet with Buffy Messer and the executor of the estate to make this determination.

Noretta asked for help from commission members at the July 26 International Festival Day. We are to share a booth with the Arts Council and pass out brochures and answer questions concerning WPAC. Marilyn, Chris, Noretta and Kaaren will work the four shifts assigned. Philan said she would ask Sandra Owen if she could fill in for Noretta's time as Noretta is involved in other aspects of the day.

ADJOURNMENT

David Blevins moves that we adjourn. Chris Sylvester seconds. The motion is unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourns at 7:00 PM

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held at 5:30 PM, Thursday, August 14, 2008.

Chairman, Mike Gillespie

Secretary, Marilyn Sullivan