

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  
TOWN HALL  
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION  
5:30 PM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: STARR HOGAN

ALSO PRESENT: ALISON MELNIKOVA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8 REGULAR MEETING AND THE JANUARY 9 AND 16 SPECIAL MEETINGS. Kaaren Stoner moves that the minutes be accepted as read with the correction to the January 16 minutes that Karen Kaufman was not in attendance. Philan Medford seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was submitted by Kaaren Stoner, copies were sent to all commission members. There were no changes from last month. Kaaren stated that next month the \$1250 paid to the students for the paver project would be reflected. There was a brief discussion concerning what amount of the total came from the town and what would expire this fiscal year. Kaaren has a printout from Eddie Caldwell showing present activity but could not address these questions. Kaaren also presented a proposed budget for the current cycle with items to complete the Folkmoot project and a 2010 projected requirement for a new project. Mieke Thomson moved that we accept this budget for sending to the Town Board, David Blevins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### TASK FORCE REPORTS

**Projects** – No report at this time.

David Blevins asked for time to review findings concerning an endowment and passed out information to the commission. David is concerned that without this vehicle, fund raising becomes more difficult due to the lack of clarity concerning tax deductible status of contributions made to our projects. He described the type of fund that could be established, cost, benefits, etc. Mike Gillespie talked about the meeting he and David and Mieke had recently with Sue LeLievre, North Carolina Community Foundation.

Because the actual deductibility is still a matter for an individual donor and his accountant to determine, the endowment merely affords the opportunity to say that a gift is made to a charitable organization. The commission determined that we should table this proposal until such time as we've had an opportunity to review with the town and determine their position on the matter.

**Artist Relations** – We reviewed the current timeline for the Folkmoot project and talked about fundraising events scheduled. Currently, May 14 was shown as a fundraiser date; however, there is also the July date that includes participation by a group from the Folkmoot Festival. Because May 14 is also the date of a regularly scheduled commission meeting, and because it was determined that only one fundraiser was needed, the May 14 date will be deleted from the posted schedule and the July date will be the only fundraiser this year. The date for this event is to be determined but will be sometime between July 16 and 28. Mieko will pursue this to determine actual date. Alison Melnikova will update the posted May date on the web site.

**Community Relations** – Chris Sylvester referred to the report submitted to the commission members previously concerning the proposed student recycle project. Although the proposal from Nicole Wilhelm sounds good and we are interested in supporting this, it is really something our commission can not spend much time on. If Nicole wants to pursue this, using information Chris provided from another source that did a similar project, then the commission would gladly be a sponsor along with the Arts Council if they are also willing. It was felt that the Arts Council Guild might be in a position to recommend artists willing to donate their time for lessons as one of the prizes for this project. In order to make this a quality project, there will be considerable effort involved in the logistics and the commission felt we did not have enough time or people to be involved in the details. Chris will talk to Starr Hogan and suggest she get with Nicole to determine whether this is a project they want to pursue. Initially they were planning to make this a spring event but with further information, using a November date seemed more reasonable and tying it in with Recycle Day in November made sense. Plus, it will take a good deal of time to pull all of this together.

The paver project designs and information are currently on display on the lower level of the Haywood County Public Library. There was good coverage of the student project and receipt of checks from the Town in the Mountaineer recently; however, the photo was not correct and a correction had to be made in a later issue.

**Fundraising** – Mieke Thomson is the new head of fundraising for the commission. She had questions concerning the mailing that was done for the previous project. Mike talked about the target group he used last time and will get with Mieke with details. Kaaren Stoner pointed out that we have \$4000 from TDA that needs to be spent by June 30. It was agreed that this would go toward the first payment to the artist.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mike reviewed the estimates he has received concerning the lighting of Old Time Music. Philan Medford moved that we fund the \$2088.47 for lighting Old Time Music. Karen Kaufman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike has received the requested photos from Steebo for Old Time Music.

## NEW BUSINESS

The commission reviewed all of the input from applications received for the Folkmoot project. Following this review and discussion, Kaaren Stoner moved that we accept as our finalists Wayne Trapp, Grace Cathey and Harry McDaniel. Mieko Thomson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## ADJOURNMENT

Karen Kaufman moves that we adjourn. Kaaren Stoner seconds. The motion is unanimously approved. Meeting adjourns at 7:55 PM.

## NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held at 5:30 PM, Thursday, March 12, 2009.

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Chairman, Mike Gillespie

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Secretary, Marilyn Sullivan