

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, MARCH 12, 2009

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: DAVID BLEVINS, MIEKO THOMSON

ALSO PRESENT: FRED BAKER

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19 REGULAR MEETING AND THE FEBRUARY 26 SPECIAL MEETING. Kaaren Stoner moves that the minutes be accepted as read. 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. Kaaren believes that everyone concerned, Alison Melnikova and Eddy Caldwell, are all in agreement as to the total amount of funds available to WPAC. Marilyn Sullivan moved that the treasurers report be accepted, Karen Kaufman seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

#### TASK FORCE REPORTS

**Projects** –Philan Medford referred to the report submitted to commission members and talked about the road concerns for Option 1 as she has that are outlined here. She asked Fred Baker about these questions of right-of-way. Fred Baker said there was no way to know exactly what DOT plans. He went on to say that he feels there will never be a 5-lane road. There is already a 38 foot right-of-way at the site. The site is bordered by roads on both sides. He believes it is not a very inviting place. It is not likely the place would be obliterated ~ there is no need for 5 lanes. Medians are there now to be used in future for needed turn lanes.

Philan asked Fred about town policy and procedure concerning public art on private land. Fred does not believe title is needed. He does not think we could put town-owned piece on private land but would have an attorney review and see about what rights can be given to the Town for the site. In future, we'll need to negotiate perpetual property rights for sites as public lands are limited. If we put a piece on private land, the town is still responsible for maintenance. When a commercial building leaves, art work must be moved. Fred feels that the town, mayor, and attorneys can negotiate right-of-way necessary to use this site. He recommended allowing a lengthy interval to acquire these property rights and do not get a project started in advance of proper details being in place. He feels there is a cooperative relationship with this developer; after all, it is a betterment of their property, so they will work with the town.

Kaaren Stoner asked Fred if there was any place in Hazelwood where we could have an art site. Fred said that Folkmoot would be a good site and obtaining an easement there would be easy. There is really nothing in the Village of Hazelwood itself but the town owns the Hazelwood town hall location so that is another potential site. The old depot is privately owned but the owner is one we could work with. He said the post office would probably not be there long so would not be a good location. The new Hazelwood Elementary School on Plott Creek Road would be a future site. The town has plans for installing sidewalks here and tying this location back to the system.

Philan then discussed the 2011 project and her desire to start actively pursuing this as Donald Davis' calendar fills up two years in advance. She wants this resolved by July and expects the other task forces to work with them on this project. She stated that she has \$4,000 in pledges but wants to get the word out soon as some of these people might not be around for long. She is talking to school teachers about working this into their schedules. Prices vary for workshops or fundraisers and fundraisers versus dedication, etc. A few years ago he did workshops at schools. The project would celebrate his stories.

Mike Gillespie returned to the question of Waynesville Commons and said that the Mayor wanted to nail this down before Best Buys is completed April 17, 2009. In a May letter to the Mayor, the developer said they would designate an area for art. Fred Baker thinks Cedarwood (developer) will buy back the Home Depot property and do smaller units. Right now, anything's dead. Mike has talked to David Scarnetti with Cedarwood who is agreeable, they're willing to work with us but the funding comes from "other" sources. The Mayor just wants an announcement, not a finished product immediately. Something possibly to honor the Dayco worker. Fred Baker said he could start the easement arrangements. The opportunity to get some cash from the developer will end on April 17 ~ the check writer will be gone after that.

It was suggested that David Blevins, Lee Finger and Gavin Brown approach the developer with a proposed project to see if money might be forthcoming. It could possibly be in the form of a challenge grant. The topic for a project was discussed. Several names of former Dayco employees were mentioned as well as Mary Ann Enloe who wrote a history of the company. There needs to be further brainstorming on this so that a topic can be agreed to and presented before the April 17 deadline.

Philan then discussed Option 2 in her report which concerns Mountain Heritage Trout Waters. Starr Hogan also talked about the possibility of having “temporary” art to use at an auction for fund raising. She has ordered a video from a company that makes fiberglass pieces that have been used in several towns in the area for this purpose. She also wanted to consider using HCC instead.

The possibility of talking to business owners in Hazelwood and Frog Level was suggested to determine what subject might be of interest to them as an art piece. There is no town land in Frog Level and easements there would be difficult because of railroad property. Starr said she would be calling the Frog Level merchants organization concerning their festival and would at that time determine if she could possibly be on the agenda of a future meeting for the purpose of inviting their input regarding public art.

**Artist Relations** – Letters have been received from the three finalists and checks will be sent. Kaaren Stoner referred to the letter to finalists and the agenda for April 25, talked about the details and the schedule for the finalist’s presentations. She also proposed that we schedule a meeting for April 30 to review the advisory panel’s input and select the winning art piece. Marilyn will schedule the board room for 5:30 on April 30.

The commission then reviewed the listing for potential advisory panel candidates. Mike has a master list that he will send to everyone. This contains phone numbers so everyone can make the calls they were assigned. Members should advise Mike of the results of their calls. Mike was asked to also send a few talking points to be used in these calls.

**Community Relations** – Chris Sylvester said that she was not getting any positive reaction from the Arts Council concerning help with the student recycled art program and that since we have not heard anything back from Nicole Wilhelm who suggested the program, she is inclined to recommend that we just not pursue this project. It was also pointed out that HCC was doing something with a recycle theme so this may be redundant.

**Fundraising** – We briefly discussed the TDA grant which must be submitted by March 31 and concluded that we could at least try for the funds using a couple of possibilities for the next project rather than a firm, specific project.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lighting for Old Time Music. At the last meeting we agreed to cover \$2088.47. The revised quote will cost an additional \$99.66. Karen Kaufman moved we approve this additional amount. Kaaren Stoner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Kaaren Stoner moves that we adjourn. Marilyn Sullivan seconds. The motion is unanimously approved. Meeting adjourns at 7:12 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held at 5:30 PM, Thursday, April 9 2009.

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Chairman, Mike Gillespie

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Secretary, Marilyn Sullivan