

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, JUNE 11, 2009

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

ABSENT: KAREN KAUFMAN

ALSO PRESENT: ALISON MELNIKOVA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 14 REGULAR MEETING. Kaaren Stoner moves to approve the minutes, Star Hogan seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kaaren Stoner reviewed the May 31, 2009 regular monthly report, explaining that future reports would reflect an end of the month date rather than trying to reflect activity up until our meeting date. Another report sent to members was a listing of donors to date. A third report reviewed funds raised to date, expenditures and a balance to be raised for the Folkmoot project. Kaaren said that she had the check for Wayne Trapp which she gave to Alison for mailing and that Mike will pursue the check from TDA. Mieke Thomson moved that the report be accepted. Marilyn Sullivan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Projects – Philan Medford submitted reports to the commission covering previous project topics of Trout and the Dayco site. Marilyn Sullivan sent a report concerning the Great Smoky Mountain National Park which had been a topic discussed in January but not since then. Marilyn asked the commission to reconsider this topic as this is the 75th anniversary of the park and now would be the time to at least announce such a project with installation in 2010. She felt that this topic was too special to be forgotten. Alison Melnikova allowed that the town had approval to erect a temporary replica of the original “Gateway to the Smokies” sign over Main Street. She did not have the details about when or where this would occur.

Philan Medford suggested that commission members attend the Cataloochee reunion as these people are so closely connected to the park and many were on Main Street on the day FDR came. She felt they should be part of our advisory panel for this project. She said there would be many people from out of town who would be interested in donating to such a project. She talked about the protocol for attending. She said she had done a grant application some time ago concerning re-interpreting the sign in sculpture.

The members discussed the potential for this topic as our next project. David Blevins said he was pleased that the temporary sign was approved and felt we should take advantage of this. Kaaren Stoner pointed out that the timing on this (temporary sign being up through year end) would work out very well with our currently proposed time line for the 2010 project. Starr Hogan asked that whatever we do it is clear to everyone and eliminate the confusion that occurred last month.

Chris Sylvester made a motion that the next project WPAC takes on is a commemoration of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Philan Medford seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alison will keep us updated on the details of the temporary sign.

On another potential project update, Mike said that the Mayor had asked for \$1000 from Cedarwood (developer of Waynesville Commons) for an art piece installed at the former Dayco site. In subsequent conversations Mike had with the developer, the theme was in question. The developer had the idea that wildlife would be the theme and was not very fond of the idea that industry was what we wanted to celebrate at this site. Since this is an area set aside as an amenity area, it is not owned by the town; however, the developer is allowing us to use it. They (developer) already have plans for installing a plaque to Anne Featherston who was instrumental in developing this property. It was concluded that we would hold the \$1000, if given, until such time as that site was used for a project.

This discussion led to the fact that we still have \$5000 held by DWA in a CD that needs to be a stand-alone project dependent on the desires of the donor and approval by the donor's partner.

Artist Relations – Kaaren said we have a signed contract from Wayne Trapp and the check is ready to go. She advised the commission that two advisory panel members who were expected turned out to be no shows. Stephen Bonitz was unable to attend due to his wife's surgery and he was very apologetic about missing the event ~ he clearly wanted to participate.

Wayne Trapp has been in touch with Kaaren several times concerning the installation of his piece. Kaaren contacted Fred and he assured her that the town would supply a boom truck to put the piece in place.

Community Relations – Chris Sylvester passed out a proof for the insert update for the brochure and said that she could have 500 printed for \$243 or 1000 for \$409. Discussion followed concerning the amount needed, time period it would be used and when the entire brochure would be updated. Since the money from TDA specifically earmarks

dollars to be spent for printing/advertising, we concluded that a new brochure would be appropriate after the first of the year. Several changes to the proof were pointed out and Starr and Mike will provide additional input to Chris. David said the way to donate should be the same on the insert and the brochure. Alison also pointed out that checks could be made payable to Waynesville Public Art Fund whereas in the past, this caused confusion within the town accounting department. We were assured that this has been fixed. Kaaren Stoner moved that we print 500 inserts for the brochure. Philan Medford seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Since this needs to be ready ASAP, Chris will make updates, send proofs to all for input and get to the printer as soon as everyone concurs with the copy.

Fundraising – Mieke Thomson said she and Chris Sylvester met to discuss possible event for fundraising. They agreed that September would be the best time and wanted to have dance in the theme ~ but not necessarily folk dance. They felt that having a DJ with danceable music would attract a good crowd and we might call it “Chance to Dance for Art”. Several possibilities for where to have the event were discussed as well as types of food, whether or not to have a silent auction, etc. Details need to be worked out in a task force meeting and brought to the commission next month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination of officers. Mike said he could not continue as Chairman due to family and work commitments. Marilyn nominated Kaaren for the Chairmanship. Some discussion followed and Kaaren agreed to have her name put in nomination with election at the July meeting. Mieke Thomson volunteered for the Treasurer’s job, Marilyn Sullivan agreed to stay on as Secretary and our current vice chairman, Karen Kaufman was kept in that position. Kaaren made it clear that if she is Chairman some serious changes need to be made in the way task forces are working or not and that we need better organization.

ADJOURNMENT

Starr Hogan moves that we adjourn. Mieke Thomson seconds. The motion is unanimously approved. Meeting adjourns at 6:55 PM.

NEXT MEETING

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

Chairman, Mike Gillespie

Secretary, Marilyn Sullivan