

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, NOVEMBER 12, 2009

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: STARR HOGAN

ALSO PRESENT: ALISON MELNIKOVA

Chairman Kaaren Stoner called the meeting to order at 5:40 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8 REGULAR MEETING.
Karen Kaufman moved that the minutes be accepted as read. Mike Gillespie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the financial statements were reviewed. David Blevins moved that we accept the treasurer's report, Mike Gillespie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CELEBRATING FOLKMOOT PROJECT

Written reports submitted by Kaaren Stoner and Philan Medford were reviewed and discussed. Various points were made regarding the dedication ceremony and the reception and suggestions for improving these in the future.

GSMNP PROJECT

Kaaren had heard a rumor that the date for renovating the mini park had slipped; however, she was assured by Fred Baker that our anticipated installation date of September or October would still work fine and we should move ahead. There followed a discussion of when to issue the call and various schedules/dates were considered. Originally we had planned to issue the call November 30; however, Marilyn Sullivan suggested we delay the call until after the first of the year to avoid holidays and give the commission a much deserved rest from this activity. The commission agreed that delaying the call would work best for everyone, particularly for *Chris Sylvester who only just received necessary input for working up the site plan.*

Kaaren will update the schedule in the official call document. Discussion followed concerning lighting for the GSMNP project and whether or not the artist should be involved in this determination. Also the question of generic railing that will be used along with the artist-designed panels was considered. It was pretty much determined that this should be part of the artist's presentation.

Kaaren suggested we form a committee to determine places to post our call. Starr Hogan, Philan and Alison Melnikova will work with Kaaren on this item.

PUBLIC ART PURCHASE REPORT

The commission reviewed Kaaren's written report and after lengthy discussion, including bid requirements and town regulations as well as the possibility of sending letters to prospective artists asking them to submit proposals, it was concluded that the best way to handle this is to not involve the commission. *Alison will handle any further purchase activity for the police station.*

NEW BUSINESS

Mike presented his report concerning the landscaping and lighting of "Celebrating Folkmoot". There have been on-going discussions concerning the placement of a maple tree in the same space as the art piece. The tree was in the architect's original plan; however, since it was placed both Fred Baker and Lee Galloway assured Mike that it would be moved. Now apparently that assurance has changed and Fred says the tree stays. Most on the commission agree with Mike that the tree detracts from the piece and will only continue to do so as it matures. Mike proposed that the tree be removed and that possibly Master Gardeners or a Garden Club could landscape the area with appropriate, smaller plants that would enhance the site.

Debate followed concerning the tree, ordinances, standards, etc. Mike just wanted to know from the group if he should continue to pursue this. *Mieko Thomson moved that Mike proceed with his proposed change to the landscaping around the Folkmoot art.* Karen Kaufman seconded. There were 7 yeas, 1 nay. The motion passed. *David Blevins offered to find out if the tree is "legally" required.*

Next was the subject of lighting for both Old Time Music and Celebrating Folkmoot. Although Mike has investigated the ordinances regarding lighting and consulted with Jeff Reece regarding the fact that art pieces have great latitude when it comes to lighting, there was lengthy debate about whether or not this was appropriate. Philan brought up a town plan process regarding night sky ordinances, and so on. Kaaren moved that we hire an expert to determine how to light the art. Mike said he did not think we needed to go to that expense. Kaaren amended her motion to say that *Mike should continue to investigate the lighting, obtain reasonable advice on the matter and report back.* David seconded. The motion passed.

CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP

Kaaren said she was told by someone they could not be considered for the WPAC because they did not live within the town limits. Alison confirmed that this is not the case and that any Haywood County resident could participate on this commission.

PLAQUES

Chris offered a source and provided a catalog. *Philan has the catalog and will review to report back to the commission. Kaaren will also assist in this and anyone interested should come forward.*

WAYNE TRAPP'S BOOK

The commission concluded that the best place for the book was in the library rather than hidden away somewhere in town hall. *Marilyn will take care of getting the book to the library.*

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Gillespie moves that we adjourn. Karen Kaufman seconds. The motion is unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourns at 7:35 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held at 5:30 PM, Thursday, December 10, 2009.

Chairman, Kaaren Stoner

Secretary, Marilyn Sullivan