

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, AUGUST 12, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: KAAREN STONER, MARILYN SULLIVAN, DAVID BLEVINS, PHILAN MEDFORD, MIEKO THOMSON, JAN GRIFFIN, BILL KING

MEMBERS ABSENT: CHRIS SYLVESTER

ALSO PRESENT: SYLVIA EVERETT

Chairman Kaaren Stoner called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 8 REGULAR MEETING.

Philan Medford moved that the minutes be approved, David Blevins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kaaren Stoner announced that based on her calculations, we were only about \$900 short of the \$20,000 goal for this project. David Blevins said that he had received confirmation from his foundation that a check had been cut for \$1000. It could be "in house" but we need Mieke Thomson to confirm and she is running late tonight.

David also talked about WNC Tents and said that he had talked to them about their invoice and donation. They were to bill for the tent at \$1000 and would make a donation of \$500. Again, we don't know if either or both have been received.

Kaaren said the second \$5000 payment has been made to the artists.

When Mieke arrived she said that no invoice or donation had been received from WNC Tents nor is there anything from David's foundation. She will check with the town about both of these items since her report and the numbers reflected are through July 31. She does know of an additional \$250 donation that is not reflected in the current number.

With this clarification, Kaaren called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. David Blevins so moved, Jan Griffin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ART CONNECTS THE PARKS

Discussion was held concerning the change of date for the installation and dedication of this project. It is currently scheduled for November 17 installation with the 18th, 19th, 20th or 21st as potential dedication dates.

Kaaren said she had tried to contact Jamie Gogdill at DWA and also Fred Baker to determine if there were any conflicts with these dates. She has not heard from either at this point. We then discussed the question of how much time it would take to install the fencing and that information should be known in order to make a determination about dedication date. Kaaren said she would talk to the artists about installation time and what date would work best for them. She will also suggest they stay closely in touch with Fred Baker concerning the drilling of holes required for the installation. She will also continue to pursue input from DWA and Fred.

Mieko said she was planning a trip to Wilmington in late August and would visit the artists' studio and check on progress. David also said his son lives there and could take pictures or he planned to be there probably mid-September and could do photographs at that time.

Planning Committees for Dedication: Kaaren asked for volunteers to form committees for this event. Bill King asked what this would entail since he's not been involved before and Kaaren described the events we held for Old Time Music and Celebrating Folkmoot. She then directed our attention to copies of two reports she submitted earlier which were the budget requests for the 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 years. It would appear from these requests and the funds that were forthcoming as a result that there are still funds available to cover any expense for the dedication. Everyone agrees we want to keep this affair simple and we probably would not use the available \$1600 but Kaaren wanted everyone to know it was there. Philan Medford suggested having a park ranger speak at the event. Kaaren said it was a bit premature to talk about such details and that a committee should take that and other ideas and develop a plan. Jan Griffin agreed to be on the committee. Others were agreeable but schedules between now and September were a problem. It was determined that discussion about the details could begin in September.

OLD BUSINESS

Kaaren advised us of the number of emails she had sent to Fred Baker over the past six weeks concerning lighting for Celebrating Folkmoot and finally received a response on August 10. Her question was that lights had been purchased, payment had been made from our account, but there has been no installation. Fred indicated he is waiting for proposals about the installation.

Kaaren referred to the grant application to the North Carolina Arts Council which was made earlier this year requesting \$10,000 for this project. She did not know specifically when word would be received about this but knew they had said the earliest we would hear is August. So, we could hear any time or perhaps next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination of officers for the coming year. According to the ordinance that created this commission, we are supposed to elect officers in June; however, due to the fact that we are short handed and have positions to fill on the commission, Alison Melnikova advised that postponing this was reasonable. Sarah Jane League has been approved by the town board for the commission but could not attend tonight's meeting. Sylvia Everett has submitted her application and will be approved at the next meeting of the town board. David suggested we have a nominating committee who puts together a slate that can be voted on at the next meeting. Kaaren, Marilyn and Jan will form the committee.

Kaaren then showed the commission some notes she had from Fred Baker when this whole park project was in the planning stages. It indicated an amount of \$2500 for PAC and Kaaren's question to the commission was whether or not we should pursue with the town some additional monies that could be offered to the artists as a bonus. These two young men are going to present us with a work of art that will easily appraise two to three times the amount of their commission and Kaaren felt it would be good to do something extra. Discussion followed and the group concluded that within the funds we have raised and donations still being made, that at some later time we could determine an amount to be a bonus if we still agree it is appropriate but do not ask the town for additional funding.

Kaaren told the commission members that she had received letters of resignation from Marilyn Sullivan and Chris Sylvester with effective dates of October 2.

Kaaren plans to write a press release soon announcing the change of installation and dedication dates. She will also ask the artists to send another picture indicating their progress that she can use with this release.

ADJOURNMENT

Philan Medford moved that we adjourn. David Blevins seconds. The motion is unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourns at 6:40 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held at 5:30 PM, Thursday, September 9, 2010.

Chairman, Kaaren Stoner

Secretary, Marilyn Sullivan