

Public Art and Cultural Commission

April 24, 2014

Members Present:

Guillermo Rodriguez, Vice-Chair

Victor Palomino

Julie Calhoun-Roepnack

Sharon Trammel

Constance Richards

Jaan Ferree

Leslie Klinger

Staff Present:

Brenda Mills, Office of Economic Development

Caroline Long, Office of Economic Development

Debbie Ivester, PRCA Assistant Director

Vice Chair Guillo called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

1. Approval of March 2014 Minutes

Jaan motioned to approve the October minutes and Sharon seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.

2. Public Art Review Presentation

There was a technical issue and the presentation has been postponed until the next meeting.

3. Sub-committee Reporting

The Advocacy committee did not have anything to report, and Gwynne was absent so there was no report on the Community Engagement & Partnership committee. The Education and Public Art Maintenance committees had nothing to report. Jaan of the Urban Trail committee asked if it is possible not to replace the fiddle and quilt and use those monies to purchase another piece instead. Debbie stated those monies cannot be utilized for a new acquisition, as they are earmarked for maintenance and repair. She noted that there is \$40,000 available that needs to be spent or encumbered by June 30th, whether that is on repair of the fiddle and quilt or another piece.

Jaan made a motion to wait to repair the fiddle and quilt until the next fiscal year, and Julie seconded the motion. Guillo opened the motion up for discussion, and noted that staff has already done a lot of work, including an RFQ for the repair of the fiddle and quilt. Sharon noted that she would like to see this piece finished this fiscal year. Constance, Leslie, Guillo, Julie, Sharon and Victor voted against the motion and the motion failed.

Jaan brought up that Cecil had discussed adding a new piece to the Urban Trail, and that the subcommittee had already approved a new acquisition. Debbie noted that the commissioners should follow the new acquisition policy, and that they may utilize a focus group to refine their ideas about an acquisition. Leslie made a motion to convene an ad-hoc acquisitions committee to discuss adding an Urban Trail piece at the Fine Arts Theater, commemorating the African American Civil War soldiers with a plaque, and honoring John Lantzius and his vision for the Asheville downtown area. Guillo asked for volunteers for the committee and he, Julie, Jaan and Victor volunteered.

Jaan noted that the Urban Trail committee wants to move forward with updating the audio tour and that Leslie will come to their next meeting.

4. Staff's Report and Information

Brenda discussed PACC retreat planning. She stated it is very important for the commissioners to understand how the city and the board function and what the policies mean. She plans to review the Downtown Master Plan, the Parks Master Plan, and hold a board orientation. Guillo volunteered to create a PowerPoint of the training material, policies and information. The commissioners agreed to have the meeting during August, once the new commission members have joined. It will be held from 5 to 7 pm after the regular 4 pm meeting on August 28th.

5. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

6. New Business

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 pm.