

## Public Art and Cultural Commission

May 22, 2014

### Members Present:

Guillermo Rodriguez, Vice-Chair

Victor Palomino

Julie Calhoun-Roepnack

Jaan Ferree

Leslie Klinger

Gwynne Rukenbrod

### Staff Present:

Brenda Mills, Office of Economic Development

Caroline Long, Office of Economic Development

Debbie Ivester, PRCA Assistant Director

Basil Punsalan, Event Specialist

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Vice Chair Guillo called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

#### 1. Approval of April 2014 Minutes

Jaan made an amendment to the April minutes; she noted that she had also volunteered for the ad-hoc acquisitions committee and asked that it be reflected in the minutes. Leslie made a motion to approve the minutes, Victor seconded the motion, and all approved the minutes as amended.

#### 2. Public Art Review Presentation

Debbie presented a PowerPoint from the Public Art Network Year in Review presentation, showing one slide for each piece of artwork completed in 2012 including murals, rock work, neon and light installations, metalwork, and green walkways. Gwynne put forward the idea of entering the Urban Trail into next year's competition, and Brenda stated she would look up information on how to enter.

#### 3. Sub-committee Reporting

Guillo stated the Advocacy committee had no news, but wanted to know at what point they begin discussing the ad-hoc committee. Brenda suggested she meet with the committee and discuss the policy, and Guillo stated he would like to meet with her about the process for acquisitions.

Gwynne discussed the Community Engagement subcommittee, noting that that they are in a holding pattern until the strategic meeting. The Chamber reached out to Gwynne to help with an event to bring Cherokee artists to the Chamber on July 15<sup>th</sup> in an attempt to help them market their artwork.

Leslie stated the Education subcommittee had nothing to report.

Sharon was absent, so there was no update on the Public Art Maintenance subcommittee.

Jaan gave an update on the Urban Trail subcommittee. She thanked Brenda for providing a volunteer tour guide for the Commander of the USS Asheville's visit to Asheville. They are looking forward to hearing the history of the Urban Trail. Jaan also noted that there are only 3 individuals who are trained on giving this tour and that there is a need for new tour guides. Brenda suggested working with local high schools or AB Tech to find new volunteers from the younger generation to encourage engagement.

#### 4. Nominating Committee – Chair & Vice Chair 2014-2015

Jaan gave the report, noting that the candidates were Guillo to be the new Chair and Gwynne as the Vice Chair. Guillo called for any additional nominations; there were none. Guillo called a vote and all were in favor of the nomination committee's findings: Guillo was appointed the Chair and Gwynne as the Vice Chair.

#### 5. Staff's Report and Information

Brenda noted she had sent a copy of the talent scout and the application to the commissioners and encouraged them to look it over. Brenda also noted that she will be attending the Americans for the Arts conference June 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, discussing what Asheville is doing for the arts.

#### 6. Old Business

There was no old business.

#### 7. New Business

Gwynne noted that the June meeting will be Robert's last meeting.

Guillo moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:45pm.