

Public Art & Cultural Commission 2011 Annual Report

The Public Art & Cultural Commission meets the fourth Thursday of each month from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room of City Hall.

The Commission works to facilitate public art in public buildings and public spaces; engage the creative sector as a major attraction for artists, cultural tourism, and economic development; encourage public confidence for and appreciation of the arts in Asheville; build partnerships and collaborations throughout Asheville's creative community; and aid in strengthening the organizational structure of public and cultural arts delivery.

In 2011, the Public Art & Cultural Commission:

- Approved the expansions of the roles and responsibilities of the Public Art Board to better serve the organization and the community and had it approved by City Council;
- Approved the changing of the name of the Public Art Board and had it approved by City Council;
- Approved the amendment of the public art policy regarding local artist selection/participation and had it approved by City Council;
- Approved the public art acquisition and maintenance plan;
- Adopted new sub-committee guidelines;
- Attended the opening of the Grant Center;
- Heard a presentation of the *Public Art Network's Year in Review* 50 best pieces of public art for 2010;
- Heard a presentation about the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department's new online board training and development program;
- Heard a presentation by the developers of the FinGo Asheville Public Art iPhone app;
- Supported the relocation of "Conversation Piece #4" by Ida Kohlmeyer to the new Grant Center;
- Supported the installation of the Urban Trail bricks in downtown;
- Supported the repair and restoration of "On the Move" (Urban Trail Station #23);
- Supported the repair and restoration of "Crossroads" (Urban Trail Station #2);
- Supported the repair and restoration of the new mouse at "Catwalk" (Urban Trail Station #9);
- Supported the repair and restoration of the donor plaque at "Historic Hilltop" (Urban Trail Station #11);
- Supported the repair and restoration of the sculpture of Martin Luther King, Jr. in coordination with the improvements made to MLK Park;
- Participated in a bronze cleaning workshop;
- Held an annual retreat;
- Considered a request from City Council regarding expanding the size of the Commission;
- Received issues of Public Art Review publication;
- Welcomed three new Commission members in 2011.

Current Members:

Robert Todd, Chair

Julie Calhoun-Roepnack, Vice Chair

Honor Moor

Nancy Sokolove

Jaan Feree

Mark Koven

Sharon Trammel (joined March, 2011)

Gwynne Rukenbrod (joined August, 2011)

Jennifer Gordon (joined August, 2011)