

ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.
DEXTER SENIOR CENTER

THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER

Members present: Mike Vickers, Victoria Schon, Tom Rosenbaum, Courtney Fitzpatrick, Audrey Becker, Paul Cousins

Guests present: Mary Bowe, Rich Bellas

The January meeting notes were reviewed and no changes were made.

The Committee reviewed the final draft of the Art Plan. The Committee's representatives to the Selection Committee will be Audrey Becker, Tom Rosenbaum and Mary Bowe.

The Committee discussed the next steps for the temporary art display. Working backwards from an installation date of June 1, 2012, the plan is to have applications available from March 1 to April 13. The applications will then be evaluated by the Selection Committee who will send recommendations to Council for approval. Information on the availability of the applications will be sent to annarbor.com, the Dexter Leader, Dexter Patch, the Arts Alliance and mailed directly to any local artists that committee members are aware of. It will also be posted on the website and Facebook Page. Mike Vickers also volunteered to create a Facebook page for the temporary art display that would be a place that residents and artists could "friend" to stay informed about the process, which would work in conjunction with the information provided on the website.

The Committee also discussed the work of Anthony Howe, whose work they felt was a unique representation of art/nature/alternative energy that could be a potential future recommendation to the selection committee on a permanent piece of art for the community. To get an idea of how Mr. Howe's process works and learn more about him, Victoria will be getting in contact with him. The Committee also discussed using an idea from another community where an archway was designed as part of a school project, which could be used at the area leading under the Main Street Bridge.

Copies of the suggested streetlights/art piece information provided by LaFontaine Chevrolet were distributed and discussed. The Committee was very supportive of the idea to incorporate energy efficient lighting, art and education into the project.

Possible fundraising opportunities were also discussed with a focus on hosting a "Yellow Door" breakfast. This would be modeled after the breakfast's held as fundraisers for the Chelsea Community Kitchen. Trustee Cousins has offered his house as a place where a breakfast of 3 menu choices would be offered. Participants would be asked to make a donation and the profits would go to the Village for the Committee. The initial plan is to have a "trial run" on a Saturday morning in May or June with the main fundraiser to be held on the Saturday morning of Dexter Daze.