

**ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**DEXTER SENIOR CENTER**

**THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER**

Members present: Mike Vickers, Victoria Schon, Courtney Fitzpatrick, Lynn Babcock, Kandie Waggoner, Paul Cousins

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

The Committee reviewed the Yellow Door breakfast. Paul and Pat were thanked for offering their home for the event. The event was very well attended with 98 people having breakfast. \$2138 was raised plus \$400 in sponsorships. The total profit after expenses is \$1900. Minor corrections for the August event include the need for an additional coffee pot and pre-made order forms. We will also try to increase the publicity. Mike volunteered to draft thank you letters to the sponsors.

The Committee reviewed the status of the temporary art installation. The Selection Committee has made their recommendation to Council, who will make their decision on June 25, 2012.

The Committee discussed the language on the proposed sign explaining the history of the dam. Lynn will forward some grammatical comments to Courtney N. Overall the Committee was supportive of the wording. There is still interest in placing an etched glass sign in the area of 8140 Main that provides a photo and historical information about the founding of the Village. The sign could potentially be made to resemble the kiosk type sign that is being placed at the start of the Border to Border Trail. The Committee will continue to coordinate with the Parks & Recreation Commission on this signage.

The Committee reviewed the e-mail received about the fairy door project. At this time, this is not a project the Committee is interested in taking on. They feel that it has been done in the community and in other communities are looking for more original projects. The Committee also reviewed the e-mail about the art from reclaimed wood. At this time, this is not something the Committee feels it can coordinate.

The request from Matt LaFontaine for assistance with selecting his public art piece was discussed. The Committee is very supportive of helping Matt with this process. We will work on creating a "call for artists" that will provide an idea of the theme and encourage artists to submit ideas. Courtney N. will talk to Matt to confirm his ideas, which he broadly mentioned as education, recreation or recovery from the tornado. The Committee also discussed the idea from a resident that was passed on and supported by President Keough to purchase a friendly troll along the Border to Border trail as a permanent piece of art. There was unanimous support to pursue this idea. Committee members are going to research the idea to come back with ideas and a cost estimate for the July meeting. The publicity/call for artists sub-committee (Mike, Courtney F., Victoria) will meet to begin generating publicity ideas for the upcoming call for artists. The Committee also discussed purchasing a great blue heron for the area along Mill Creek. We will work with the Parks & Recreation Commission on this idea.

The banners for the downtown light poles idea was discussed. Paul is going to invite the former Dexter art teacher who volunteered to help with this project to attend our next meeting. The concept would be to have the banners designed in the winter, hung through the summer and potentially auctioned at Dexter Daze.

The next Songs, Slams and Smores will be held on September 22, likely in Mill Creek Park.

The Committee's next meeting will be July 10, 2012 due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.