

ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

VILLAGE OFFICES

THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER

Members present: Victoria Schon, Mike Vickers, Tom Rosenbaum, Lynn Babcock, Rich Bellas, and Paul Cousins.

Guests present: Angie Noble

The August meeting notes were reviewed and approved.

Plein Air Review. The Committee agreed that Victoria's leadership was excellent. Many small details were covered even though it was a first time event. Committee members have heard the idea of joining with Dexter Daze from Dexter Daze Committee members. The ACH Committee feels it should stay as two separate events. Using the people's choice votes, the attendance estimate was at least 700 people. A survey was sent out to the artists to solicit their feedback.

Temporary Art Display. The Committee would like to figure out why our second attempt at a temporary art display was unsuccessful. The Committee will continue the conversation once the new members are appointed. There could be an opportunity to partner with Chelsea and Saline.

The volunteer drive at Dexter Daze was very successful. There are several people interested in the Committee; others are interested in working on Plein Air. Committee brochures were passed around to the members to distribute.

Grant applications. Victoria and Courtney will meet with James and Cris next week to prepare a MCACA Grant for Plein Air.

LaFontaine Sculpture. Paul provided a review of the history of the LaFontaine sculpture. He explained that we could ask Matt to increase the amount or to move the dealership sign that was placed very close to the location for the art, or replicate the benches on that side (same as Busch's). The Committee discussed the idea of doing a call for artists for a piece of functional art. The Committee could possibly work with a car designers and an artist to collaborate on a piece. Victoria will discuss the concept with Matt LaFontaine.

DIA Inside/Out – This Detroit Institute of Art program places replicas of masterpieces in a community. Courtney will send an e-mail confirming the deadline and asking about the installation and removal. If the deadline has not passed we will apply for summer 2014.

Banner art press release. Information about the banner art should be provided in an upcoming e-mail update. The Downtown Development Authority will be asked to participate with the project by funding a set of the banners.

An update was provided on the Selection Committee meeting. Angie stated that the Dexter United Methodist Church is interested in partnering on art projects, as they would like to use their space to support art in the community.

Paul expressed the idea of updating the historical map that was put together by the Historical Society. It could be possible to get a Chelsea Area Wellness Foundation grant for the map.