

ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.
DEXTER VILLAGE OFFICES

THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER

Members present: Victoria Schon, Mike Vickers, Lynn Babcock, Rich Bellas, James Davis, Angie Noble, and Paul Cousins.

Guest present: Gini Davis

The Committee welcomed Gini Davis who has applied to become a member of the Committee.

The October meeting notes were reviewed and an update was made to the members present section.

Plein Air Review. Potluck planned in place of the regular meeting on January 7, 2014.

Temporary Art Display. Discussion delayed until Committee is full.

Victoria has continued to meet with people interested in the Committee and/or Plein Air only volunteers. She recently met with Sara Clark – Davis, who is interested in volunteering for the Plein Air event.

Grant applications. Grant was submitted to the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs on October 15. The grant application was provided in the packet. The application for the Detroit Institute of Arts' Inside Out Program was submitted on October 29. That application was also provided in the packet.

Public Art Updates. Mike has the fish mobile and it will be picked up by the DPW this week. Victoria has contacted the College for Creative Studies and Washtenaw Community College regarding the functional art sculpture proposed for in front of LaFontaine. The thought is to find a designer for the piece of art and then have it fabricated. Paul, Lynn and Courtney met with Rick DeTroyer about the bike sculpture. He will be constructing a model to help people visualize the sculpture. The location has yet to be finalized but will be in the area of Central at Second/Huron.

Other Initiatives. The Committee continued to discuss the idea of commissioning a literary work or play regarding the life of Katherine Dexter McCormick. Angie provided information on the "pianos round town" initiative that was featured in Ypsilanti. The organization places pianos on the sidewalk for a two week period and encourages people to play them. It could be possible to attract this group to Dexter.

Paul has discussed the idea of updating the historical map with Nancy VanBlarcum of the Dexter Area Historical Society. They are interested in partnering to do this. It is possible that the Committee could get a Wellness Foundation grant as the map will encourage walking to see the historical features of the area.

Lynn met the owners of Hoard Studios. They are interested in the Plein Air event and the activities of the Committee. Paul informed the committee that two new businesses are planning to open in the area. The beer grotto will likely be before Planning Commission in December or January. A hotel is also being planned for the Zeeb/I94 area.

The Committee discussed the idea of Heritage Tourism and the importance of having a strong Chamber of Commerce to promote and assist with this effort. Victoria and Paul will attend the next Chamber meeting to talk to them about the Committee's interest in this idea.