

ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

COPELAND BOARD ROOM

THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER

Members present: Mike Vickers, Victoria Schon, Tom Rosenbaum, Courtney Fitzpatrick, Lynn Babcock, Rich Bellas, Mary Bowe, Paul Cousins and Jim Davis.

The December meeting notes were reviewed and no changes were made. An email received today from Audrey Becker announcing that she has decided to step down from the ACH Committee provided to the group.

Next steps on possible permanent art pieces.

- Friendly Troll Grant Update. Grant good learning experience; wait to discuss details of grant with Courtney Nicholls at the next meeting. Try to get community groups to submit with ACH to demonstrate community involvement in the selection of a Troll for the I-beam location. Look at resubmitting after the Troll RFP has been evaluated. Paul gave Jim Davis the background on how the Troll idea came about. ACH struggling with Troll as an appropriate piece of art. ACH agrees that a piece of art work should be on the I-beam but not 100% convinced that a Troll should be on it. A committee of Jim Davis, Mary Bowe, Lynn Babcock and Paul Cousins was asked to bring ideas forward for a sculpture for the I-beam for the next meeting. ACH talked about putting out a call to artists to figure out what would be a natural fit for this space "I-beam".
- LaFontaine Assistance. Paul provided a history lesson on the site plan and ZBA actions for LaFontaine signage. ACH asked about the formal letter, are we waiting to send this letter after the site inspection report is completed by the Village, final walk through of site? Make sense to ACH to wait until they know what items are on the final punch list.
- Wellness Center. ACH will continue to reach out the Chelsea Wellness Foundation (CWF) in order to keep communications open about art displays for the new Center in Dexter. Right now CWF is focused on getting the Center running smoothly and can't make artwork a priority.

Budget Update. ACH reviewed the budget and wants to spend some of it on the Fish Mobile \$2,400, to be placed near one of the fishing dock at Mill Creek Park. ACH discussed possibly purchasing the fish, and submitting to the selection committee to decide on this piece. Photos of the piece need to be made available to the selection committee and a meeting of the selection committee needs to be scheduled soon. ACH felt they have already discussed and supported moving this piece forward to the selection committee.

Fundraising Ideas. Student project to design banners has stalled out so look at possibly restarting process with other ideas, perhaps rethink banner design idea. Engage children in community, possibly get a community member to take this up and run with it. Victoria, Paul and Mary will work on this and bring back ideas.

Community Project Updates. Lynn provided pictures for a community project. Lynn is still working with the AA Bike Club to help pay for a bike sculpture on Central Street. They are interested if ACH will match

what they raise for the sculpture. Lynn asked the group to bring 5 ideas back to the February meeting with a price range. We need to pick a piece so we will have a price range.

Sub-Committee Reports:

- Historic Sign. Paul and James will work with Allison to identify areas for these signs and specifics of the signs. These signs are in addition to the directional signs on the B2B trail.
- ACH Plein Air Paint-Out Event. Victoria reviewed her proposal for a Plein Air Paint-Out event and requested feedback from other members to host an event. Victoria suggested that we would start small, do a call for artists, and do plenty of promotion of the event. It was mentioned that there are several Plein Air groups in our area to draw on. Typically an auction is held at the end of the event, framing is provided at event, as well as prize money for artists' maybe \$500. The groups want to try to do this as an annual event. Discussion of what type of approvals from the village will be necessary. It is important that we have time to organize the event, at least three months. The event would be held in nice weather, rain or shine. Victoria will host an extra meeting at her home to hammer out the details on January 15, 2013. This can be a report on each agenda.
- Update Walking Map. CWF is covering the cost to update the walking maps. Paul and Allison will be working on this in February.

Rich Bellas was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Selection committee created with Audrey's absence.

The February meeting will be held on February 5, 2013 at the Senior Center.