

ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.
DEXTER SENIOR CENTER

THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER

Members present: Victoria Schon, Mike Vickers, Lynn Babcock, Rich Bellas, Cheryl Willoughby Gini Davis, and Paul Cousins.

Plein Air Review. The Committee reviewed the Plein Air agenda. \$1435.00 in corporate sponsorships has been received. The grant to the Ypsilanti Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau was submitted, which included \$6500 for Plein Air for advertising, graphic design, copywriting and presenter stipends/supplies. Tickets are available for the \$25 Evening with the Artists on Thursday night. Committee members are asked to sell tickets to potential art buyers; approximately four per Committee member. The Girl Scouts have agreed to host a picnic for the participating artists on Saturday from 11:30 to 1:00. The artists will be provided with a bag lunch and entertainment in Mill Creek Park. The Committee is working on lighting for the tent, possibly white umbrellas with white Christmas lights. A walking tour of the DIA paintings will be added to the schedule, Victoria is going to talk to the History of Plein Air presenter to see if she is interested in narrating the tour.

Notes from the April meeting were reviewed and no changes were made.

Temporary Art Display. Victoria, Paul and Courtney will be meeting with Patti Schwarz of the River Gallery on May 14 to discuss possibly partnering with them on the temporary art display.

Public Art Updates. The four proposals received for the LaFontaine sculptured were reviewed at an ACH Sub-Committee meeting. Three of the artists were invited to meeting with Victoria, Paul and Lynn on site at LaFontaine to discuss their submissions, one submission wasn't considered because it wasn't what was requested in the RFP. The three artists will be invited to present their proposals at an Art Selection Committee meeting, which will be scheduled in early June. Matt LaFontaine will also be invited to attend. The Selection Committee will also be asked to review the bike sculpture and possibly the Dexter Lion's sculpture at the June meeting. Wendy has been working on the troll and that should be ready for installation soon. The fish mobile is ready for installation along Mill Creek.

Katharine Dexter McCormick project. Dan Cooney is continuing to work on the project. Victoria will be meeting with potential financial supporters of the project over the next few months.

Rich suggested the Committee look into possible grant opportunities at artplaceamerica.com.

James Davis provided sample historical maps as an example of the type that the Committee has discussed creating.

Gini and Courtney will work with the Ypsilanti Convention and Visitor's Bureau to update the Dexter page of their website.