



**SALISBURY-ROWAN COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**  
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**Name:** Public Art Committee

**Date of Meeting:** September 26, 2016

**Committee Chair:** Barbara Perry

**Date of Next Meeting:** January 23, 2017

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**Committee Members Attending:** Barbara Perry, Judy Kandl, Jenn Selby, Anne Scott Clement, Jane Creech, Henry Jackson, Lynn Raker, Edward Norvell

**Tourism Staff:** Lesley Pullium

**Guests:** Clyde

**Not Attending:** Evelyn Medina, Janet Gapen, Janie Allen, Paula Bohland, Raemi Evans

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Barbara Perry called the meeting to order.

### **The Mural Request from City Council**

Barbara Perry reported that City Council would like to move forward with asking the Public Arts Committee (PAC) to take on oversight of the mural. Janie Allen presented a request to City Council asking that the Public Art Committee manage the Mural since she is no longer able to manage the non-profit. Perry said that she and Edward Norvell, Vice Chair plan to review the financial files and the maintenance schedule to see if it would be possible for the committee to take on this program.

Perry said that we need to ascertain what the City envisions the committees' full role would be and if there would be any City staff time designated to assist with the mural.

Lynn Raker gave a brief history of the Mural development and noted that the mural was on a five year maintenance schedule but that varied from time to time. Raker said a big consideration is whether or not that building will be redeveloped by the owners. Raker said that the building owners had said last year that there were plans for redevelopment of the building but were vague on the timeframe.

Perry asked the committee members for their feelings about taking over management/oversight of the mural. Perry said that one of the reasons Council would like PAC to take over the mural is that PAC can ask for grant funds.

Lynn Raker said that the committee needs to pull together the estimated cost for the maintenance based on the five-year maintenance schedule and ask City Council what the City could contribute toward those costs. The Mural representatives have secured City Façade grants to assist with upkeep in the past.

Norvell said that Mr. Fisher had suggested changing/adding to the people on the mural to reflect a more accurate picture of demographics of the community. Creech noted that the mural is a big part of the school system's downtown tour.

Perry said that PAC needs to be sure that this volunteer committee can handle this project should it be taken on. Perry said that she and Norvell will report further on the request at the next meeting after they have met with the City, Janie Allen and Kaye Hirst.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Motion: Anne Scott Clement made the motion for the approval of the May 2016 minutes with corrections.

Second: Edward Norvell

Motion: Approved

### **Rain Works Art Project**

There has been no update from the Rowan Schools system representative about the Rain Works project. Jane Creech said that she would call to follow-up and let the PAC committee members know via email.

### **Budget**

Lynn Raker distributed an updated budget spreadsheet of the PAC budget with the committee and reviewed the coming year's revenue and expenses. Raker said that the balance of \$20,500 should be able to be carried over to the next fiscal year as these were not city funds but from other funding sources. Rowan Museum received a CAC grant of \$2,250 toward the GW sculpture. Raker said she will be speaking with the City Finance Officer about how those funds can be applied to the GW sculpture.

Raker said there is \$16,500 available for the sculpture show. The cost for the City's part of the show is usually around \$22,000. The colleges pay for their installations.

Raker reported that the Spencer Appearance Commission (SAC) is interested in purchasing two sculpture pieces for downtown Spencer. The ability of SAC to purchase will depend on whether they receive grant funds from the Rowan Arts Council Arts & Cultural Development grant.

Barbara Perry thanked Jane and Jenn for assisting with the reception for the installation of the George Washington sculpture at the Rowan Museum. The local school children and the Rowan Museum staff and board have expressed how much they like the new sculpture.

Perry reported that the Salisbury Sculpture Show won the U. S. Conference of Mayor's Conference Livability award for cities under 100,000 in July 2017.

### **History and Art Trail**

Perry reminded the group that the Cornwallis marker is up and installed. The revised History and Art Trail Brochure will include the updated information on the marker. The next plaque on the list is the Princess Theatre. Gretchen Witt is currently conducting research on this marker. Witt is working on a list of what other topics were still on list for potential markers.

Lynn Raker reminded the group that the Fire Department Chief... would like to have a marker commemorating the 200 year anniversary of the fire department. This would be a plaque that the fire department would fund. The site is near Dee's Jewelry and the Chief is gathering information for this plaque.

Raker reported that in front of city hall, three flagpoles will be installed at the curb line and one of the committee goals has been to lift the Salisbury Sister City from the sidewalk and onto a marker. Raker said that this could be a good opportunity to move the Sister City plaque.

### **Sculpture Show**

Raker reported that she has started editing the call for entries for next year's Salisbury Sculpture Show. Raker said that she has increased the stipend amount on the call for entries form as there are a number of other sculpture shows coming online and raising the stipend a little might be necessary to continue to attract the best artists.

Jenn Selby suggested expanding the Sculpture Show Trolley Tour. Selby said that she does the narrated tour for St. John's group and it is very popular. Selby suggested making it a sculpture and wine tour perhaps and offer it several times a year.

### **Other Business**

Jenn Selby reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> annual NC Community College Fine Arts Conference will take place Feb 23-25, 2017. The conference is open to all 58 NC community colleges and other NC four-year colleges and university faculty. This conference is geared to the public college system but there are private colleges and university arts faculty that participate as well.

Edward Norvell updated the group on a new project that he is involved with, the Robertson Community Park or Bell Tower Community Park, on the 4-acre block adjacent to the Rowan Public Library. Architects and landscape architects from around the state are being interviewed at this time. There is a great deal of interest in putting public art in the new park. A new non-profit will own and manage this park when it is complete.

### **Clyde (Public Comment)**

Clyde spoke on representational art and in specific, the new George Washington sculpture and how people dislike it. Clyde said the sculpture is not representational art and is historically incorrect. Clyde passed around a photograph of a sculpture that he said is located in the Ford Orientation Center at Mount Vernon and stated that he felt the George Washington sculpture at the Rowan Museum was a plagiarization of the piece at Mount Vernon.

Clyde made several suggestions including moving the sculpture, putting up a plaque, removing the woman and child, etc. He asked the committee to consider “fixing this problem”. Clyde thanked the committee.

Perry expressed to the committee she would like to meet with the Rowan Museum Board of Directors to discuss their feelings about the sculpture. The sculpture mentioned at Ford Orientation Center was Googled and the photo distributed by Clyde had been cropped to show only three figures.

Anne Scott Clement suggested that going forward public comment for this committee be done first prior to covering the meeting agenda.

Perry asked the committee to think about the History & Art Trail brochure cover and suggestions for art that would work well for the cover.

There were no questions. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lesley Pullium