

October 2016 Staff Reports and Project Updates

New or Now

- Arts Plan

Commissioner Kass and staff will work on the draft implementation plan to bring to the Commission for feedback.

- Arts & Economic Impact Study

The study continues with data being slowly collected. To date 450 surveys have been collected. The goal is 600 with one quarter (Sept. - December) remaining in the survey period. A second part of the study is proving more difficult to implement. The Organizational survey which began in mid-July asks for organizations' 2015 financial data. At present 20% of the organizations have responded. Attempts continue to get these organizations to self-report.

- Herzenberg Memorial Bench Project

The Friends of Parks & Recreation funded artist-designed bench in honor of Joe Herzenberg, a former town council member and activist for CH environmental, racial and other causes is being created by Mike Waller & Leah Foushee (Hillsborough). The artists are under contract. The bench when completed will be placed on the new section of the Bolin Creek Trail scheduled to open at the end of 2016.

- Brown Mural Restorations

Michael Brown is under contract to refurbish his murals in Varsity Alley and on the Pantana Bob's building. Schedules and the heat has prevented the project from being started. A group of town staff and Commissioner Kass has been meeting regarding design and art ideas for the post office alley, Amber Alley and others. Kass will report on information and progress at the August Commission meeting.

On-Going

- Crosswalk Project

The joint project with traffic engineering, public works, police and the Bike and Ped planning team for 5-artist-designed cross walks at the intersections of Cameron/Country Club and Raleigh Rd. Cameron & Wilson which was supposed to be implemented this summer has been postponed to the fall due to the high temperature affecting the road surfaces. Church and W. Rosemary Sts.; Church & Henderson; and mid-block between Church and Mitchell Sts. On Rosemary will occur when Rosemary Street is repaved.

- Our Town Grant Program

A grant to the National Endowment for the Arts, Our Town Program to work with a design team to develop design and art ideas for the post office alley, Amber Alley and the top of the Wallace deck was submitted in late September.

- Community Clay Studio

Fall Session B classes begin the week of October 31. The Studio donated 20+ bowls to TABLE's *Empty Bowls* fundraising event. A potter's wheel was donated to the studio which will allow future wheel classes to accommodate nine participants instead of eight. The Studio collaboration with the ArtsCenter to offer masters' workshops at both facilities is being planned for the last two weekends in April 2017 with artist Ronan Peterson.

- Northside Community Wall

Staff continues to work with the designer and the community representative for include 8 photo etched panels to the wall. Estimates have been received. The next step is to select the photographs and wording and to design the panels.

- Vets Memorial

The memorial concept to fit the new Orange Co. proposed site in Chapel Hill will go before the Orange County Commissioners on 9/20 for approval

Committee Reports

Exhibitions Committee

The photography of the Cary-based artists' group The Image Salon are now on display at the Library. Town Hall features the pastels of Christine Berndt and the ceramics of Helen Seebold. All 13 sculptures of Sculpture Visions 2016-17 are now installed, with the print brochures available and webpages live. A group of Commissioners, staff, and SV artists past and present will meeting on 10/20 to reconsider the program for the future.

Artist in School Residency

The first teacher workshop with Donovan Zimmerman of Paperhand Puppet Intervention was held on 8/24. 11 teachers from CHCCS elementary schools attended. The teachers learned rod puppet making techniques and started creating their own puppets that will be completed at the January 23, 2017 workshop. They will in turn teach their students puppet making.

Into the Streets: Community Art Project (CAP)

Project proposals have been submitted. All proposals will be reviewed by a panel and the 2016-17 project(s) will be selected in October.

Creative Projects Program

Proposals for this new program offering commissions of up to \$1,000 for projects that directly benefit the Chapel Hill community have been submitted and will be reviewed and projects selected in October.

Permanent Collection

The pad has been poured at the Library for Riley Foster's *Sharing the Education*. The sculpture will be installed this week.

The misting elements of the Exhale sculpture at 140 West will be shut off and winterized in mid-November. The lights will continue to function until the mid-April reactivation

Events

The 140 West Plaza programs which began on 9/9 with a Cirque de Plaza event will conclude in early November.

The farmers market begun 8/24 at the 140 west plaza and Church Street concludes on October 27.

Festifall 2016 was a great success with good weather and a large 12-15,000 person crowd to enjoy the day. The living sculpture and food truck court were a hit and the majority of artists had sales.