

April - May 2014 Staff Reports and Project Updates

- 140 West Art Area I & II Project Updates

The fog system for the Mikyoung Kim sculpture Exhale was reactivated with a plaza celebration on the evening of April 11. This kicked off a series of events on Friday evenings on the plaza as well as a few Saturday programs include a May 16 Bike Night. (flyer)

- Library % for Art Project

From the 235 artists' applicants for the Library art project, five artists were selected to be interviewed. Interviews were held on December 2-3 and three artists presented proposals on 2/19. Erik Carlson and Todd Frahm were selected. Council approved the CHPAC recommendations (3/12/14) at the 4/21/14 Council meeting. Conversations are being held with the artist and Library Director to determine the scope of work. The artist should be under contract before the end of May. Dan Cefalo is working with the Library Foundation on raising funds to purchase 4-5 Frahm animal sculptures for the Library rear plaza. With the retiring of the Foundation head, this project may be put on hold for a few months.

- Library Art Trail

Tom Grubb installed a 63 ft. high rope and bamboo sculpture for the green space next to the library at the top of the library trail on April 30. Many town staff, library patrons and other volunteers helped raise the structure. The installation will remain on display for at least a year.

- Arts & Entertainment District

Reports by UNC students and UNC intern working on this project will be made to CHPAC on 4/9/14, a shortened report was presented to The Downtown Partnership Board on 4/10/14 and a public meeting was held 4/25 to hear the results of the students' and intern's research. Those presentations and data will be available on the Public Arts web pages in a week or two.

- Community Clay Studio

Summer class and camp registration is underway. Summer programs go from mid-June to mid - August. A summer camp arts instructor has been hired to offer camps to the 9-13 year old age group.

- Downtown Art Program

Selection for four new storefront arts installations was held early January. The artists selected to install were: Gracelee Lawrence at the Yates Building, Carter Hubbard at Bruegger's Bagels, Helen Seebold at GleeKids, and Becky Joye at Walgreens. Installations debuted with an opening event on 3/14/14. The Downtown Partnership coordinates payments, installation, publicity and other aspects of this program.

- Umstead Park Playground Surface Project

The Umstead Playground with an artist-designed poured in place fall surface project was completed opened to the public on 2/12/14. The artist, Mary Carter Taub worked in conjunction with contractor to draw the design and then refine the design details as the surface was being poured. It looks great!

- Veteran Memorial for Chapel Hill Cemetery Project

The Vets Memorial Committee last met on 2/17. A CHPAC representative is still needed for this committee.

- Scrapel Hill VI

Due to many changes in staffing and philosophy, U Mall will not be sponsoring Scrapel Hill for 2014. Staff has been meeting with representatives from Kidzu to begin to plan a Scraple Hill Junior exhibition perhaps in the fall.

Committee Reports

- Sculpture Visions/Juried Exhibitions Series

Selections are being made for the 2014-15 Sculpture Visions Exhibit and artists contacted. Contracts will be issued this month and sculptures installed beginning July. SV 2013-14 sculptures will be de-installed in June. Tom Grubb's Chapel Hill Voyager was installed May 2 with the help of many volunteers and is part of SV 2014-15. William Thomas will exhibit his work this summer in the Library exhibition space beginning June 9 and ending September 12.

- Permanent Collection

Once Upon a Time a.k.a. the "little girl reading" sculpture that used to be displayed near the Library parking lot has been cleaned and waxed and will soon be permanently sited inside the Library past the Circulation Desk.

- Publicity

Tim Scales has created two video interviews related to Sculpture Visions, a video advertising our Clay Studio Classes, a video about Scott Nurkin's Curt Teich mural, and press releases for the Artist in Residence and Into the Streets programs.

- Collection Development

This committee did not meet.

- Artist in School Residency

Mark Elliott concluded his sculpture residency at Phillips Middle School. The students and administration selected one of the students designs to be made into a large-scale sculpture for the school entrance. Photos of the residency were shown in an exhibition at FRANK Gallery on 4/27 attended by the students, parents and guests. Public Arts staff will assist the artist in pouring a concrete pad on 5/13-14. The sculpture will be installed and a dedication of the sculpture at the school will be held on 5/23.

- Into the Streets: Community Art Project (CAP)

Barbara Tyroler, a Chapel Hill completed photographing special needs students at the aquatic center. Those photos were displayed as part of Autism Awareness Month at the Library from 4/8 -4/29. Those and other photos will form the basis for a permanent display of 8-12 30"x40" photo panels on the Atrium walls of the Aquatic Center.