



**Public Art Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, April 13, 2016  
06:00 PM  
Longview Farm House**

**Minutes**

Members present: Alderman Lynn Wright, Gail McLeod, Tim Bischof, Nan Kulkarni, Mary Beth Wilson, Gail Westerman

Absent: David Althaus, William Schawacker, Joe Frost, Cheryl Levey

Staff liaison: Lindsey Hodge

Guest: John Hoffman

Approval of the minutes from the Feb 24, 2016 meeting. Member McLeod motion to approve, member Kulkarni to second. Unanimously approved.

**Discovery Sculpture Project:**

At this time, about 5K left to raise before the goal is reached. Member Wilson has been working with Mason Ridge Elementary School to be involved in the project. She set up an interactive display at the school with a picture of Harry Weber working in a sculpture, the bronze maquette and a jar so that Mason Ridge student can donate coins. Member Wilson has already donated the money on behalf of Mason Ridge for the project.

**Maquette (small bronze model)**

Continued discussion from January meeting about the 2 maquettes that Harry made for the large donors over 10K. These were completed in early December, delivered by Harry. The last several months the commission has been discussing the difference the original maquette and the finished sculpture. Some commission members were concerned with the variation of the original maquette and the final sculpture. They felt that the final maquette should be an exact replica of the finished product. The commission contacted Harry Weber about this in early August. Harry explained that variations often happen in the artistic process. He cited examples of other project where the original maquette at the beginning of the project was different than the final product. Harry said that the original maquette is an example of the composition.

After discussion the Public Art Commission will move forward with 2 maquettes as they are.

**More Discovery**

Harry was contacted about another question that came up in the February meeting. John Baltrushunas asked "who will own the rights to the image of the horse and dog at the completion of the project?" This would be good to know in case the City wants to get anything made to in the image. Harry said that he will own the rights to the image but he

would be willing to sign them over to the City. After discussion on this topic Alderman, Lynn Wright said we should contact Steve Garrett, City attorney about this issue.

The sculpture should be complete this summer, according to Harry. The discussion continued of where to store the sculpture until the ground breaking of the Town Square. The idea of storing at City Hall was discussed and then having a big unveiling for the Town Square. The alternative idea to install at the original site and move the sculpture was also discussed. Harry gave an estimate of 2K additional funds to install, move the sculpture and re install. Alderman Wright wanted to speak to Gary Hoelzer, City administrator and continue this discussion.

Discussed current exhibit at Longview Art Gallery: The Longview Farm House Art Gallery Presents: *From Arcadia to Suburbia*: In the European Renaissance, Arcadia was celebrated as an unspoiled, harmonious wilderness.

The Foundation design department at Maryville University will interpret the history of Town & Country in a series of sculptures.

On view Friday, April 15 – May 31

Opening Reception - Friday, April 15, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Would like to get the word out about this exhibit. Send out message to Historical Preservation and Conservation Commission. Signs, etc.

**Photo Competition:** Discussed promoting this event. Should take flyers to photo locations like Creve Coeur camera and Schillers. Spoke to Manchester Arts about cross promotion.

Mary Beth Wilson will teach a children's art class again this summer. First week of August, Discussed themes for camp. Will advertise this in the summer Town & Country newsletter.

### **New Business:**

Discussed date and time of Impressions of Town & Country and City's Fall festival which has been in discussion. Date proposed is Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Location Longview Park an afternoon event. This idea was good with commission. Discussion followed.

Recycle Art Gallery. This was an idea proposed in the last meeting. An idea for residents to bring old artwork they are looking to get rid of and sell at Longview. Discussion followed. Commission decided to continue this discussion. Perhaps this event would be good for Spring 2017.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 11 at 6:00 PM

