

Minutes of DESIGN COMMITTEE

DATE: March 13, 2006

LOCATION: JOHN BALE BOOKSTORE

TIME: 5:30 – 8:00 pm

NOTETAKER: Brenda Anderson-Killer

Members present: M. Vandenburgh, Chair, C. Rosa, D. Kinnane, E. Reynolds, B. Baker, R. Guest, B. Anderson-Killer, K. Killer

Reports:

- **Archive Project – K. Killer**
The project continues forward. Ken has acquired approximately 2500 postcards from the collection of Gary Brodeur, local attorney and Waterbury collector, to use for the historical images of Main Street. Atty. Brodeur has also permitted the use of his collection of stereocards and other Waterbury images.
- **Design Audit Project – D. Kinnane**
The Waterbury Leadership team has been working with Deb conducting the Design Audit. They have spent several hours already and are waiting for slightly warmer weather to continue the process. K. Killer will provide a contact sheet of all current photographs in Main Street to this sub-committee to aid in the identification of all buildings.
- **Façade Improvement Grants Program – C. Rosa**
Carl gave praises to Raechel Guest for her extensive research and presentation of the Grant Façade program at Uconn. He reported that there are, as of now, 8 applicants for the grants. The City has asked WDC for an additional \$75,000 for the Façade Grant program.
- **Farmer's Market – M. Vandenburgh**
Marianne has started talks with the State Dept of Agriculture concerning Farmer's market for the summer of 2006. She reported that most of last year's farmers are onboard, and there may be the addition of 2 organic farmers for this year. USDA will provide matching funds for the promotion of Farmer's Market. Discussions are also going forward with The 1st Congregational Church and St. John's Church to include crafters on the green during Farmer's Market. The Mattatuck Museum is also planning to present walking tours during this time. It is anticipated that the new hours for the market will be 11:00am to 2:30pm every Thursday through October.
- **Mural Project – K. Killer**
A meeting will be held with Waterbury Public School art teachers on 2/14/06 to present packets detailing the mural project slated for the Bank St. entrance to the Exchange. Copies of these packets will also be distributed to Waterbury parochial and private schools. The submitted mural ideas will be judged by the Mural Subcommittee (K. Killer, B. Anderson-Killer, K. Bowler, C. Gendron, M. Vandenburgh, R. Guest, and building owner P. Nargi). huge success, and this year's event will serve to introduce people to the entertainment district.
- **Village Designation for main Street – B. Baker**
Discussions have been held with J. Sequin regarding the Village designation for downtown. It was reported that the village district should stick to a central theme, although the theme may vary slightly from area to area within Main Street. Carl offered extra help to this project.
- **Eat Your Art Out – M. Vandenburgh/ C. Rosa**
As of this meeting approximately 15 local chefs have indicated that they will participate in EYAO 2006

Ken Killer will supply images to Fruiticana and Bacco's Restaurant of historic structures in downtown Waterbury.

Anyone interested in helping at Eat Your Art Out can call Carl [203-756-3507 ex302] or e-mail him at crossa@mainstreetwaterbury.com. Please buy tickets early, they are going quickly. All donations to the silent raffle must be received by 3/6/06. Please drop off your donation at the Morris Foundation, inc., 402 East Main St. Waterbury.

- **Awards**

Ken Killer has been selected to be considered for the Main Street Connecticut Volunteer of the Year Award.

- **The next meeting of the Design Committee will be held on 4/10/06 at 5:30pm at The John Bale Bookstore, Grand St., Waterbury**