

RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION
February 6, 2008 MINUTES

Commissioners: Dalia Amin, Youth Representative
Jerri Everett
Doug Kyes
Fred Lund
Linda Middlebrooks
Dawn Murin
Mike O'Halloran
Pat Pepper, Chair
Britt Peterson
Evelyn Reingold
Ellie Simpson

Absent: Kristi Hand

Staff: Suzanne Dale Estey
Gloria Gamba
Vincent Orduna
Peter Renner

Guests: Lynn Bohard, Executive Director, Renton Community Foundation
Marcie Maxwell, Board Member, Renton Community Foundation

CALL TO ORDER: Pat Pepper, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Dawn Murin announced her resignation from the Municipal Arts Commission effective February 6, 2008. The Commission will advertise for applicants.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: Lynn Bohart, Executive Director of the Renton Community Foundation and Marcie Maxwell, Board Member of the Renton Community Foundation, gave a presentation on the background of the foundation. It was established in 1999 to provide a means for people to make charitable contributions to benefit the greater Renton area. The foundation manages over \$3 million for a variety of worthwhile causes. Donors retain the right to actively participate in awarding grants and the donor designates a specific charitable organization or cause to receive assistance. The foundation is a 501(C)3 organization allowing donors to receive tax advantages. Anyone wishing to donate should phone 425-687-4622.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: In Diane Wagner's absence, the January minutes were not presented. The Commission requested these minutes be approved at the March 5, 2008, meeting.

MASTER PLAN FOR RMAC: Peter Renner mentioned an agenda bill and an ordinance will be submitted to Council in March introducing the Municipal Arts Commission (MAC) 5-year Master Plan for Arts and Culture. It will include the City's vision and goals for future works of public art and a strategic plan to implement the goals. A consultant will be hired to complete the Plan.

CORRESPONDENCE: Ellie Simpson distributed information from various art commissions in outlying areas.

Suzanne Dale Estey, Director of Economic Development, announced that the Facilities Division will no longer be the liaison for the Commission. In the near future, the Department of Community and Economic Development will oversee the Commission.

Peter announced the Community Services Division is moving from City Hall on Grady Way to the Liberty Park Building on Bronson Way North. Human Services and Communities In Schools are relocating to the former City Hall at 200 Mill Avenue South. The move was necessitated due to the Benson Hill acquisition and will result in many new employees who will reside at the City Hall on Grady.

Vincent Orduna mentioned the walls of Carco Theatre have been bare since November and encouraged the Commissioners to display some artwork. He also announced that Adam Smith will be appearing at Carco in March and artwork is needed prior. Evelyn Reingold indicated Buckley Imports might loan some artwork. She will meet with Vincent to discuss.

A local art agency meets once per month and Vincent attends on behalf of the City every other month. Linda Middlebooks, Fred Lund, and Jerri Everett offered to attend.

The monthly packets included a letter from ARTECH and a bid, as well as a description of the art pieces requiring annual maintenance.

It was questioned if the plaque for Heritage Park has been ordered. Peter Renner will check on this and report back at the March meeting.

Peter was presented a window hanging for his office.

Mike O'Halloran has updated the Commission's Annual Report.

BUDGET REVIEW: Peter Renner explained there is \$9,500 in the 2008 budget.

ACTION ITEMS: The Municipal Arts Commission website information needs to be updated to include goals, objectives, and accomplishments.

The 1% for Art ideas is an on-going project. The Second and Main Development Project will be discussed in April or May.

Mike O'Halloran would like Uptown Glassworks reimbursed in the amount of \$300 for the materials required to rehabilitate the "Welcome To Renton" sign. Ellie Simpson made a motion to take the \$300 out of the 1% for Art budget. Second by Fred. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Peter Renner was asked to get the “little man artwork” from Fire Station #13.

It was mentioned that it is now time to solicit applications to apply for the 1% for Art grants. The sooner, the better. Once Diane returns, she will get a copy of last year’s letter and present it to the Commission.

February is Black History Month. Cards were distributed featuring a performance at Carco Theatre featuring Choklate on February 23rd at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Vincent Orduna mentioned Choklate is the sister of Fire Chief David Daniels.

A committee was established to meet criteria for dispensing funds from the budget. The volunteer committee members include Mike O’Halloran, Evelyn Reingold, Fred Lund, and Doug Kyes. The committee will report back to RMAC at the March meeting.

Vincent Orduna was asked to provide a letter of intent from the Paul Allen Family Foundation as well as providing copies of old grants.

Doug Kyes would like the policy of giving out bravo awards at City Council meetings reinstated.

ADJOURNMENT: The February 6, 2008, meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Patricia Pepper, Chair