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RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2008
8:00 a.m.

Renton City Hall
Council Conference Room

Municipal Arts Commissioners Present: Doug Kyes, Fred Lund, Linda Middlebrooks, Mike O'Halloran, Patricia Pepper, Britt Peterson, Ellie Simpson

Municipal Arts Commissioners Absent: Dalia Amin, Jerri Everett, Kristi Hand, Evelyn Reingold

City Staff Present: Jennifer Davis Hayes, Community Development Project Manager; Vincent Orduna, Cultural Arts Coordinator; Judith Subia, Administrative Secretary

Guests: Liz Stewart, Renton History Museum, Museum Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER: Commission Chair Pepper called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Commission made the following change in the March 2008 minutes: the Burnett Linear Park Art should read, "Burnett Linear Park Art repair and move is scheduled for summer." MOVED BY MIDDLEBROOKS, SECONDED BY KYES to approve the March 2008 minutes as amended. COMMISSIONERS CONCUR, MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE: Commission Chair Pepper read a letter from Commissioner Simpson submitting her letter of resignation. Commission Chair Pepper thanked Commissioner Simpson for her years of service. This is Commissioner Simpson's last meeting. She said a few words thanking the Commission for the work that has been done. Commission Chair Pepper also read a letter from Commissioner Dawn Murin submitting her letter of resignation.

Commission Chair Pepper distributed mail to RMAC which was miscellaneous materials from various art groups in outlying areas.

Commissioner Lund will assume the role of the Correspondence Secretary, vacated by Commissioner Simpson. This position will take care of all correspondence received and any letters or communication that need to be drafted on behalf of the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM LIST:

#1. Website Information: Jennifer presented the current information on the website with proposed changes. There are three Municipal Arts Commission pages on the website: RMAC Information, Artists at Carco Theater, and Public Art. The proposed changes include updating the Commission's accomplishments and goals and adding the Commissioner's names to the website. Upcoming meeting agenda and draft minutes, as well as, previous agenda and minutes will also be added to the RMAC Information page. A link to SoCo Culture and the grant application was also requested to be posted online.

An opening paragraph and application will be added to the Artists at Carco Theater page. Both will be provided by Commissioner Peterson. Past artists showcased at Carco Theater will also be added to the website.

Jennifer presented a print out of a PowerPoint presentation from 2004 with pictures of City-owned art and a brief summary of each including when and how it was purchased and where it is. This presentation needs to be updated and will be posted online on the Public Art page.

MOVED BY PETERSON, SECONDED BY LUND to approve the proposed changes to the website.
COMMISSIONERS CONCUR, MOTION CARRIED.

#2. 1% for Art ideas for future park projects; Second & Main Development Project: Jennifer said that the project is proceeding through the permit process. The appeals period concludes at the end of the month. Once the developers are finished with this process, we will re-engage to discuss public art. Commissioners Pepper and Peterson have been involved.

#3. Master Plan for RMAC: Jennifer said that the ordinance was presented to the Community Services Committee and was approved by the whole Council the same night. This ordinance allows for a master plan and clarifies the 1% for Art process. She asked the Commission to think about the scope of work for the master plan during the following months.

#4. Carco Theater Guest Artists: Commissioner Peterson has spoken with Conswella Uriola. Ms. Uriola will send in paperwork. Commissioner Peterson will follow up with VJ and will set up a time for the display. Ms. Uriola is a Renton resident. Commissioner Peterson asked if it should be limited to Renton residents. It was agreed that the art of Renton residents should be displayed, but is not limited to these residents only. Commissioner Peterson also asked about a reception. There was discussion of how it hasn't worked in the past, what could be different, and what would work for the future. Commission Chair Pepper asked that a general plan of what will work be presented at the next meeting. This would include what the City and artist would provide, such as invitations, publicity, food, and invitee list.

#5. Maintenance/Repair Artwork: This is moving forward. VJ asked if the sculpture of the herons at Cedar River Park will be moved. Commissioners visited the site and would like to see the sculpture moved to the round-about, due to poor visibility from the deciduous tree next to it. Jennifer will follow up with Peter Renner.

Commissioner O'Halloran asked about the missing plaques at Heritage Park. He will forward a list of the plaques to Jennifer.

#6. Welcome to Renton Sign: Commissioner O'Halloran said that the completion date is September 2008. Authorization was made for \$300 to be paid to Uptown Glassworks for refurbishing the sign. It will be sent to the Maintenance Shops for varnishing and will be placed at Tiffany Park at completion.

#7. Resource Development: A draft of the grant application has been completed and was circulated to the Commission for their review. Liz Stewart said that criteria should be added for project reporting after the grant is received. This would be a one-page report of what was accomplished with the funds that were granted.

The application due date was set for May 23, 2008, and the project start date would be provided by the artist. Applications will be mailed to previous applicants and will be posted online. An application will also be mailed to Randy Matheson at the Renton School District. Commissioner Kyes forwarded contact information for Kristen Brenneman, an art teacher at Renton High School. The application will include a note that if artists have applied for the 2008 funding cycle, they must re-apply.

Applications received will be discussed at the June meeting, with notification to the grant recipients being sent out by the City on June 16, 2008.

MOVED BY O'HALLORAN, SECONDED BY PETERSON to accept the application with modifications.
COMMISSIONERS CONCUR, MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion of the Reward Agreement Letter was tabled to the next meeting.

Commissioners discussed an award for artists at the Renton River Days Annual Art Show (RAAS). Commissioner Lund said that rather than using the funds to purchase art, the funds should be used for an award. Commissioner Middlebrooks said that \$300 was used to pay for music at the RAAS. She is a boardmember for RAAS, and said that the RAAS board is receptive to a monetary award. There was discussion about whether to have one \$500 award or two \$250 awards. Commission Chair Pepper asked that members of the RAAS board be invited as guests for the next meeting to discuss.

#8. Burnett Linear Park Art: The art is being moved to the end of the park. It is currently being refurbished because the paint is cracking.

#9. 4Culture Grant: VJ said that award may not come until the end of the year.

#10: Bravo Award: This was added to the Action Item List and was assigned to Commissioner Kyes. See New Business for more information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Local Arts Agency (LAA) meeting: Commissioner Middlebrooks said that a meeting was held at Shoreline Community Center, however she was unable to go. Jennifer and VJ also had conflicting meetings that day. These meetings are held every other month and Commission Chair Pepper said that any Commissioner or City employee can attend these meetings, as their schedules allow.

Arts Unlimited: Commissioner Peterson distributed postcards for the first show that will be held on April 19, 2008. This event is sponsored by happy delusions. There will also be a booth with children's art from the Sierra Heights Art Program.

Piazza Renton: Commissioner Middlebrooks said that the Spring Festival will also be held on April 19, 2008, from 12 to 5 p.m. Vendors include crafters and some farmers market vendors.

SoCo Culture: Commissioner O'Halloran said that there are currently 64 members, with Federal Way being well represented. Meetings are held every other month.

Kids Day Booth at Renton River Days: Commission Chair Pepper received a letter from Bonnie Rerecich requesting that the Commission continue their support of the booth during Kids Day. Commissioner Middlebrooks said that Commissioner Hand has expressed an interest in organizing the booth.

Commission Vacancies: VJ said that he has spoken with numerous people regarding the current vacancies. The meeting time eliminates potential members. There was discussion of moving the meeting to the afternoon or early evening. Commission Chair Pepper asked that a list of dates and times for other City Commission meetings be presented at the next meeting. Commissioner Peterson also mentioned that the Commission should meet during July and August, the months that there are no meetings, to complete the work that the Commission does throughout the year.

Bravo Award: Commissioner Kyes brought in a sample of a previous Bravo Award. He has created the awards in the past. This award is presented at Council meetings with a reception in the next room. The Commission will start a list of nominees for the next recipient. A call for nominations with criteria will be posted online. The webpage will also show a history of past award winners.

ADJOURNMENT: The April 2, 2008, meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m. The next meeting will be on May 7, 2008.

Patricia Pepper, Chair