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RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2010
4:30 pm

Renton City Hall
Conferencing Center (7th Floor)

Municipal Arts Commissioners Present: Patricia Pepper, Jerri Everett, Doug Kyes, Fred Lund, Linda Middlebrooks and Britt McKenzie.

Municipal Arts Commissioners Absent: Dalia Amin, Evelyn Reingold, Wesley Van Doren and Denise Zullig

City Staff Present: Jennifer Davis Hayes, Community & Economic Development
Vincent Orduna, Cultural Arts Coordinator
Vivienne Lietz, Administrative Secretary, Community & Economic Development

CALL TO ORDER: Commission Chair Pepper called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: COMMISSIONER LINDA MIDDLEBROOKS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APRIL MINUTES AS WRITTEN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRITT MCKENZIE. COMMISSIONERS CONCURED, MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC ART PIECE OF THE MONTH: Pat Pepper gave clues about the art piece. Doug Kyes guessed it was the fountain made by George Tsutakawa located at the Maplewood golf course. It was suggested that Dalia Amin do the art piece next month.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Lund distributed mail highlighting local art events.

OLD BUSINESS:

Local Arts Agency: No 4Culture meeting. SOCO artist sampler meeting next Wednesday, May 12. Pat Pepper may attend.

ACTION ITEM LIST:

Communications:

Next Carco artist is Wil Kerner, a local adolescent, autistic artist who does bright, colorful work. Britt McKenzie will make posters for the season. She will confirm dates for Carco Theatre with VJ so artists can be scheduled for 2011. Sierra Heights will show during the summer and Doug Kyes will find out if they want to hold a reception. There are other options for the kids at Sierra Heights to show their work in Renton, possibly at The Landing.

Resource Development:

The committee has been reviewing and researching grants, determining which grants are appropriate for the Arts Commission. Jennifer Davis Hayes noted the date on the agenda for the Logan Avenue art was incorrect and it was actually Tuesday, May 11. Doug Kyes suggested we also invite the Bicycle Commission [Editor's note: This is the Non-motorized Transportation Advisory Committee] to attend.

Master Plan: Working on finalizing the draft of the master plan to share with the Commission and others. Would like to receive feedback within a week or so to help finalize the document. In addition, looking at the role of the Arts Commission for the master plan implementation. Jennifer passed out an overview of the structure of the role the Commission would play and went over the ideas in the document. A Commission matrix is being put together which will be sent out to the Commission soon. It will help determine the existing members' skill sets and show where we need to build the strengths of the Commission. Once the Master Plan document is final it will be presented to the City Council Community Services committee. Pat Pepper noted that the role of the Commission in the master plan needs to be clearly defined and agreed upon.

Renton River Days: The A frames are ready. Fred Lund has submitted some initial designs which are being reviewed. VJ can have the signs laminated. A&M Stamps is a good vendor for the hand stamp. Origami will be available for the kids all three days. Britt & Dalia will finalize the arrangements.

Arts Grants: Nothing heard from 4Culture yet.

Renton FilmFrenzy: Exciting things happening. A couple of partnerships with Seattle University and the Film School.

Renton School District: No update.

Workshop attended by Jennifer Davis Hayes and Liz Stewart, Dynamic Adaptability. Made Jennifer realize that we could try to build relationships with the individual schools in the district. Evelyn Reingold has built a relationship with Maple Heights Elementary and Doug Kyes with Sierra Heights Elementary. She asked commissioners to think about how they could connect to the schools.

Artist Edge: Britt felt that if it was opened up to ~~kids at other local school districts~~ ^{other communities} we could easily get the minimum number of ~~students~~ ^{participants} required to offer the course. If we wanted to offer it in the fall we would need to move quickly to submit a proposal for the workshop. It's a weekend workshop that teaches professional development for artists.

Commission Budget: No changes of note to the budget. Britt asked how we can be self-sustaining in 2011. Jennifer Davis Hayes stated that looking at grant opportunities would be an option. Pat Pepper asked if the City was going to hire a staff person for the Master Plan. Jennifer said that if that would happen, it would not be funded from City operating funds but need to come from grants. She does not believe the Commission will be self-sustaining by 2011 but it is something to work toward.

NEW BUSINESS: Public Art at Transit Center, the TimePieces are in fact 4Culture public art. The cases containing the art have failed and 4Culture is going to clean them. They will be taking the art out as it's not working in that location and will look to put something in its place later in the year.

Jennifer passed around the list of Renton art that will be cleaned this spring.

Vincent Orduna: City Council approved a plan for a partnership with Renton Civic Theater to hold the Summer Teen Musical this year. It will be a co-produced event. BRITT MCKENZIE MADE A MOTION THAT IF THE 4CULTURE MONEY COMES THROUGH THAT WE GRANT THE RENTON CIVIC THEATER \$1000 TOWARD THE PRODUCTION OF THE SUMMER TEEN MUSICAL, SECONDED BY DOUG KYES. COMMISSIONERS CONCURED, MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment: The May 4, 2010, meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 1, 2010 at 4:30 pm.

Patricia C. Pepper 6-1-10
Patricia Pepper, Chair