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RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2011
4:30 pm

Renton City Hall
Conferencing Center (7th Floor)

Municipal Arts Commissioners Present: Patricia Pepper, Britt McKenzie, Peter Hartley, Bill Huls, Doug Kyes, Brook Lindquist, Evelyn Reingold, Wesley Van Doren and Denise Zullig

Municipal Arts Commissioners Absent: Sarah Eldridge and Jerri Everett

City Staff Present: Jennifer Davis Hayes, Community & Economic Development
Vincent Orduna, Community Services
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 PAT PEPPER PRESENTED THE MINUTES TO THE GROUP. BRITT MCKENZIE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE JUNE MINUTES AS WRITTEN, SECONDED BY WESLEY VAN DOREN. COMMISSIONERS CONCURED, MOTION CARRIED

Pat welcomed Liz Stewart and thanked her for putting on a great event at the Renton History Museum on June 30. Liz gave an overview of Renton's Arts & Heritage "Thank You" Reception. Jim Kelly (4Culture), State Representative Dave Upthegrove, State Representative Zack Hudgins and State Representative Marcie Maxwell were all in attendance. Liz's goals for the event were to invite the legislators and City electeds so we could thank them and for arts and heritage groups to meet each other. It's important to let people know there are strong arts and heritage groups in Renton. She wants to thank the Arts Commission for co-hosting the event. It was suggested next year, 4-6 weeks prior to SIFF, to host another event and invite hoteliers and restaurateurs so they can help get the word out to visitors about what's happening in Renton in arts and heritage. Pat Pepper noted Renton is a walkable city and venues are accessible.

PUBLIC ART PIECE OF THE MONTH: Britt will present in August.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: The items of interest were passed around for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

Local Arts Agency: Next meeting is July 28.

ACTION ITEM LIST:

COMMITTEES

Resource Development: More discussion on the committees. Doug Kyes said he heard concerns from people about the implementation of the Master Plan. Jennifer Davis Hayes reiterated the format that we have been working on in the Arts Commission to make sure that the whole Commission is kept informed about what the various sub committees are working on. Doug reinforced that the Commission must get the word out about the Master Plan and suggested a more visual presentation. He also mentioned the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center, that we should utilize the facility more. Jennifer mentioned the City is requesting applicants for a steering committee for the future of the Liberty Park Library Building.

1% for Art: Denise Zullig and Jennifer Davis Hayes will meet with Transportation and review the 6 year TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) to identify opportunities where 1% for Art can be invested. Action Item: Denise will present recommendations to the Commission based on this meeting.

Communications: Britt is leading this committee and plans to meet to create a schematic of the master plan to make it easier to understand and depict the organic and overlapping nature of the plan. Action Item: Britt will facilitate a meeting with Sarah and Brook begin this work.

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEES

Performing Arts Committee: Next meeting August 1.

Arts Center Committee: Doug Kyes said he had spoken with Barbara Nilson and she will write up a business plan for the Arts Center based on the outline and research done by Denise Zullig and the committee. Action Item: The Art Center Committee will review a draft business plan when complete.

Galvanizing Project: Denise and Jennifer met to review next steps. Denise reported that a feasibility study was needed to find out if the "Lighting the Bridges" project is possible because of the constraints with lighting over the river due to the salmon. She will check with other cities such as Spokane that may have done a study. Denise mentioned the need for a fish and wildlife expert to help with project. Action Item: Denise will reach out to the steering committee members interested in the Lighting the Bridges project to determine involvement interest.

ADHOC COMMITTEES:

Renton River Days: The signup sheet was passed around and the Google calendar will then be updated. Set up was discussed. We will have two long tables and a display table. Doug will secure the display board. Action Item: Doug and Evelyn will continue to gather materials for the booth and complete the activity.

Denise and Sarah are updating the database of the public art. Doug will take photos of art pieces as needed. They also discussed a plan for the portable art show. Jennifer passed around the report from facilities identifying the art that will be cleaned this year. The Arts Commission can also recommend art to be cleaned.

COMMISSION PROJECTS:

Carco Theatre Lobby Display: There is a reception this Saturday, 5-7 pm for artist Deborah Haggman. Please come even if only for a little while. Action Item: Commissioners will attend the artist reception.

Library Design Committee: The meetings to discuss design have not been held yet but this work is expected to start with community meetings in the next few months.

Henry Moses Honoring Pole: Jennifer has three quotes for a plaque and will send out to Commission for a decision. Action Item: Commissioners will vote on plaque choices via e-mail.

Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Plan: Britt will attend the next steering committee on July 12.

SIFF / Renton FilmFrenzy: Jerri's report was distributed to the group. There will be more information in the coming months regarding if SIFF will return to Renton in 2012.

COMMISSION BUDGET: Jennifer has not received any reimbursement requests for Arts Grant awards yet. Discussion ensued about the specifics of the Combat Paper project and if it met the original project proposal. Liz stated we could be more thorough in the future to make sure that all criteria are met and the commission agreed to do so next time. Action Item: Jennifer will send the original proposal and the project report.

Master Plan Implementation: The new formatted activity report will be sent out each month prior to the meeting and Commissioners are expected to come ready to discuss strategies and implementation. The report is a tool to review our projects and help us get to our goals. Who should we include? Where to find funding? The Commission will go to Council and report to them and have them review the new committee structures. The Commission plans to hold a Fall Equinox meeting and invite the Community. Bill asked about how we're getting the word out about the Master Plan. Communications is developing a plan for this. Bill mentioned directional signage for arts and culture locations from the highway. Others suggested to utilize space we already have to publicize the master plan. Others felt that it works best to focus more on the projects to get buy in from people and then introduce the Master Plan. The idea is that making connections to other people in meetings helps to create volunteers; being asked is the number one reason people volunteer. If we bring in an expert we need to be focused and targeted for the meeting. Pat mentioned the KUOW ad and Jennifer explained it came from the Renton Community Marketing Campaign. Action Item: Jennifer will send Liz Stewart and Bill Huls the information regarding the WSDOT signage.

4Cow presentation: Doug presented a model of one of the cows. The Commission liked that it was humorous and whimsical but did not think it looked like a cow. They committee has been working with the South Renton Connection neighborhood group on this project. Action Item: Doug will submit a full drawing of the concept with dimensions.

Adjournment: The July 5 2011, meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 2, 2011, at 4:30 pm.


Patricia Pepper, Chair