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RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2009
4:30 pm

Renton City Hall
Conferencing Center (7th Floor)

Municipal Arts Commissioners Present: Patricia Pepper, Dalia Amin, Jerri Everett, Doug Kyes, Fred Lund, Mike O'Halloran, Evelyn Reingold, Wesley Van Doren and Denise Zullig.

Municipal Arts Commissioners Absent: Britt Peterson, Linda Middlebrooks and Valerie Gower

City Staff Present: Jennifer Davis Hayes, Community & Economic Development
Vivienne Lietz, Administrative Secretary, Community & Economic Development

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

She introduced today's guest, Kaie Wise. She is producing a video for Renton on public art. The contract was signed June 8 and since then she has met with Jennifer Davis Hayes and Nancy Hoben. Commissioners have recently submitted selection choices for the art they would like included in the video. Twelve pieces were selected, however, the video is limited to 30 minutes and all pieces may not be included. Pat Pepper will host the video and Wesley Van Doren will be the narrator. This is an opportunity for RMAC to include information to get their message out there for public art and it could also be a helpful tool for raising funds. The draft of the video will be available for viewing at the next meeting on August 4. Jennifer Davis Hayes thanked Pat Pepper and Wesley Van Doren for stepping up and taking on the project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FRED LUND MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 2 MINUTES. 2ND BY DALIA AMIN. COMMISSIONERS CONCUR, MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC ART PIECE OF THE MONTH: Wesley Van Doren passed around a mini quiz on this month's public art piece. Clues included that it is at a gateway entrance to the City although not very prominent. The Icosahedron was designed by Gregory Parsons, a graduate of Renton High School and University of Washington. He became a member of Renton Municipal Arts Commission while still a student. It is a steel structure and was created to mark the Bicentennial Commemoration. Wesley Van Doren mentioned there was also a time capsule and wanted to learn more about it. It is a Geodesic Dome similar to one at the Epcot Center but Parsons designed his a lot earlier. The sculpture is a diamond with a star and Wesley Van Doren stated he thought it was a very cool design with 5 sides and 20 sides. All designed with triangles, it is dedicated to the people of Renton. It was funded by the City and citizens of the city and was originally planned to be twice the size but there wasn't enough funding. You can watch a video of it on YouTube - enter 3dsys - Renton stainless steel.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fred Lund distributed mail highlighting local art events. He passed around Renton River Days brochures. Tickets are available for Renton Annual Art Show preview party. River Days banquet, July 21, forms to complete if you would like to attend. 6th Day Dance submitted the final report for their project. An artist registry application was included to share an example of the types of artists in the community that we are discovering through this outreach.

OLD BUSINESS:

Local Arts Agency

- 4Culture: No meeting this month

ACTION ITEM LIST:

Committee Restructuring

- Pat Pepper talked about the new committee structures and the Ad hoc committees. Jennifer Davis Hayes mentioned the email that was sent outlining the work plan document for committees and mentioned the Red, Yellow, Green system. Denise Zullig explained this process; it was a way to get a quick, visual overview of the status of projects. Reports should be completed and only the notes for action need to be addressed, it will help to streamline and focus the meetings. The lead for each committee is responsible for setting up a meeting soon for their new committee.

Outstanding projects and projects status

Renton River Days Booth

- Dalia Amin is working on the Renton River Days booth and spoke with Kristi Hand and Linda Middlebrooks. She will need 12 extra chairs for parents and children. She asked if commission wanted tablecloths or a design/border on tables.
- Coloring contest – Doug Kyes passed around the drawing poster he created for the commission to see. Prizes in age groups with one grand prize winner. Those staffing the booth Sunday morning will decide the winners. If participants choose to take art home to complete then it should be back by Sunday at noon.
- Design contest - Fred Lund stated the Design Contest has been tabled due to time constraints. Alternate suggestions were made; Hands on Renton, Doug Kyes coloring book will be there. Save banners with hands for future.
- Display item - Doug Kyes showed a design of a board he would like to make and requested money to purchase. Would cost approx \$75.00. Photos of public art would be pasted on board. Could purchase an 8' folding board for \$207. Could project Public Art PowerPoint but would need power and a table. We're doing two tents 10' x 20'. Three tables, one for children, one for literature and one for display. EVELYN REINGOLD MOTIONED TO GIVE DOUG KYES \$100.00 TO BUILD A DISPLAY BOARD. 2ND BY DENISE ZULLIG. COMMISSIONERS CONCUR, MOTION CARRIED. Jennifer Davis Hayes will find out if electricity is available for PowerPoint. Doug Kyes will work with Vivienne Lietz to order plastic literature holders for display.
- Fred Lund felt that so far the booth isn't going to be any different than last year and he feels the booth should stand out and make a statement about the Arts Commission. We need to work year round in 2010 to plan the Renton River Days booth. Need to debrief immediately after this year's event to work on how to improve for next year.
- The Arts Commission banner will be on the booth. Dalia Amin will bring her own laptop and plans to display PowerPoint all 3 days. Need to check coloring supplies and purchase more if necessary. MIKE O'HALLORAN MOVED TO GIVE DALIA AMIN UP TO \$50.00 TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES. 2ND BY WESLEY VAN DOREN. COMMISSIONERS CONCUR, MOTION CARRIED. Dalia Amin passed around sign-up sheet for the booth. If you cannot make it please find a substitute to replace you.

Art Acceptance Policy

Executive committee to bring it to the next meeting.

Carco Theatre Artist

Sierra Heights is currently being displayed and Britt is working on the next artist. Fred is willing to take over from Britt during her busy next couple of months and will search for another artist, scheduled to begin display on August 1.

Mural Project for Community Center is deferred.

1% for Art

- Denise Zullig sees potential for 1% for Art along Logan. She would like to set up time for a field trip to the location to determine potential art locations. The sooner the better for the trip so we can

coordinate with the construction contractors. A field trip visit with Wesley Van Doren, Mike O'Halloran, Pat Pepper, Fed Lund and Denise Zullig was scheduled for this Saturday, July 10, at 9:00 am. Jennifer Davis Hayes will send a draft of the multi-use path design to give them an idea.

- Everyone still loves the four cow idea for artwork on the Shattuck Bridge. Need some community interface for that project because of some issues. Jennifer Davis Hayes will check with Derek Akesson to get an update about the Rainier Ave project.

Site Specific Art

Jennifer Davis Hayes went over the list of opportunities and suggested artists. She connected with Eduardo Mendonca and with a combination of money from RMAC, 4Culture and Farmers Market he will perform on August 18. Pat Pepper will introduce him. Wesley Van Doren asked if there were any statistics on the number of visitors attending each event so the Commission could maximize the exposure to as many people as possible. Dalia Amin mentioned at UW they bring someone to do a mold of people's hands which is very popular. Jennifer Davis Hayes explained that the artist selected has to be approved by 4Culture for this grant. The artist could apply to be on the list. The process for Site Specific Art is the Commission selects an approved artist and negotiates a fee and works with event coordinators to schedule. Wesley Van Doren and Pat Pepper are willing to work with Jennifer Davis Hayes on this project.

Instrument drives for schools-Committee did not meet.

Mike O'Halloran asked when was the next meeting with Renton school teachers. It has not been set yet due to lack of response, Jennifer Davis Hayes will select a date. He plans to meet with teachers in the next couple of months. Money is available from the Randy Rockhill fund, Renton Community Circle, the Foundation of Giving and Renton Rotary. Dalia Amin mentioned grants via Sam's Club, Bob Bridge or other large businesses. Commissioners should send any suggestions for grants to Mike O'Halloran. He wants to talk to the leader of the Renton Concert Band, Mike Simpson and also talk to the teachers one on one for feedback.

Two Wheels North

A summary of the Two Wheels North proposed project was included in the packet. Liz Stewart explained that 4Culture is working with Book-It Repertory to do 10 performances as part of the commemoration of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Expedition. It's the story of two boys riding their bikes from California to Seattle. This is a good opportunity to do a free production; costs would be limited to promotion and potential venue costs. It makes sense to hold this event in conjunction with another event such as the Fall Harvest Festival. The venue has to hold at least 50 people, preferably with a raised stage – little or no scenery needed. It would last 45 minutes to one hour. The actors and writers are willing to do a question and answer session at the end. It could help to promote RMAC; the History Museum could sell the book. Two possible venues are Renton Civic Theatre or Evergreen City Ballet's old space. Liz spoke to Eric Taylor at 4Culture and discovered that Humanities WA is offering \$500 quick grants available to help with cost for the development of print materials. Does Commission want to move ahead with this?

Conclusion: Commissioners liked the idea and are willing to support it but nobody is willing to step forward and take on the project at this time. Pat Pepper commended commissioners for being thoughtful and not taking on too much.

Commission Budget

Jennifer Davis Hayes noted changes in budget.

Arts Commission Brochure

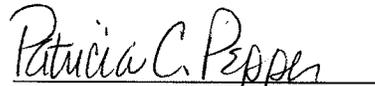
Wesley suggested we clarify whether Renton is the oldest Arts Commission in King County and we should add that to brochure. Also it would be good to mention the city art collection.

Master plan

Jennifer Davis Hayes is looking to publish master plan tomorrow, July 8. She noted that in the budget section on page 2, it requests a proposal for the entire cost if the budget is insufficient for the scope. Please review and respond in a timely manner tomorrow so that Jennifer Davis Hayes can submit by 3 pm tomorrow. We want to create a steering committee that represents all parts of the City and

community. Jennifer Davis Hayes presented her ideas to include a representative from transportation and parks divisions, possibly the History Museum, a community person (possibly Char Baker) and a creative industries business person (possibly Uptown Glassworks). Other suggestions included getting referrals from King Parker and Bill Taylor. The RFP selection panel may lead to the steering committee. Evelyn Reingold suggested the language be changed slightly because the steering committee was not yet in pace.

Adjournment: The July 7, 2009, meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at 4:30 pm.


Patricia Pepper, Chair