



*Renton  
Municipal  
Arts  
Commission*

## RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2008  
8:00 a.m.

Renton City Hall  
Council Conference Room

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

Municipal Arts Commissioners Absent: Everlyn Reingold, Dalia Amin

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

Guests:

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Commission approved the July 2008 minutes as written with a correction of item #5 to include a list of financial assistance awards. MOVED BY O'HALLORAN, SECONDED BY KYES. COMMISSIONERS CONCUR, MOTION CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Commissioner Lund distributed mail to RMAC, which were miscellaneous materials from various art groups in outlying areas.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### Local Arts Organization Updates:

Local Arts Agency (LAA) meeting: Commission Chair Pepper and Jennifer attended the last LAA meeting in Kirkland. Discussions included the Kirkland Master Plan process, Kirkland marketing video and CD for developers on ways to incorporate art.

Arts Unlimited: Commissioner Peterson announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Downtown Renton Art & Antique Walk will be on Saturday, August 23 from 11 am – 5 pm. Commissioners are invited to enjoy the event and/or volunteer at the event.

Allied Arts: The Chalk Art at the Renton River Days was very successful.

Renton Annual Art Show: The pre-party and show were wonderful. David Jayne won the Arts Commission award.

#### Commission Meeting Dates and Times:

The Commission was reminded again that starting in September, the meetings will be held on the first Tuesdays at 4:30 pm in the Council Conference Room.

Commission Vacancies:

Commissioners Pepper, Lund and Kyes interviewed 11 candidates for the 3 vacancies on July 10 and July 15. The three candidates recommended by the panel were Denise Zullig, Valerie Gower, and Wesley Van Doren. The three candidates will be forwarded to the Mayor. **MOVED BY LUND, SECONDED BY PETERSON. COMMISSIONERS CONCUR, MOTION CARRIED.** It was suggested to invite the candidates to the next meeting.

Action Item List:

*#1- Master Plan for RMAC:*

Commissioner Lund researched City of Des Moines art program, which included a \$15,750 budget (within Parks Department) for activities. There is no master plan for arts and culture in Des Moines.

Commissioner Kyes researched the Coupeville Arts Center and Port Angeles, Fine Arts Center. Coupeville does not have an arts commission.

Commissioner Pepper shared a report: "Thriving Arts: Thriving Small Communities" conducted by Metropolitan Regional Arts Council in Minnesota.

Commissioner Lund reported that during the Arts Commissioner interviews, 3 consistent items were mentioned by applicants: 1) Branding of the Arts Commission; 2) Gateways for the City; and 3) Art center or facility. Commissioner Lund shared a few logo ideas for the Commission and would like to adopt a logo prior to the Master Plan process.

*#2- Bravo Award:*

Commissioners O'Halloran and Middlebrooks reviewed the latest draft. The committee approved as written. **MOVED BY O'HALLORAN, SECONDED BY KYES. COMMISSIONERS CONCUR, MOTION CARRIED.**

*#3- Carco Theatre Guest Artists:*

Commissioner Peterson presented work from artist Faith Williams who will be on display starting August 15 for 6 weeks and also artist Carolyn Buck, Nature & Travel photography. Commissioner Peterson and Everett will work on an artist reception plan for October and 2009 to present to the Commission at the next meeting.

*#4- Resource Development*

Financial Assistance:

Two organizations have submitted request for funds: Evergreen City Ballet and Renton Annual Art Show.

4Culture Grant: Vincent reported that the Summer Teen Musical is going great and performed to two sell out crowds. There are two students in the musical that are interested in serving on the Arts Commission. Commissioner Pepper will contact the current student representative, Dahlia Amin, to determine interest in continuing on the Commission.

Printed Material:

The brochures are complete. A list was passed around for brochure to be taken to each event.

New Member Packet:

Commissioners reviewed the list of items to include in a new member packet. Commissioner O'Halloran suggested to also include a list of the meeting dates, time and place of each meeting. Jennifer will add to the list.

*#5- Website:*

No action required at this time.

*#6- 1% for Art:*

Commissioner Pepper asked about the salmon on the concrete wall by Henry Moses Aquatic Center. Other Commissioners mentioned that that project was a state project and they held community meetings

many years ago to gather community input on art. Commissioner Pepper requested more information about the project, including the amount of state funds invested in art for this project. Jennifer will research and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

*#7- Commission Budget:*

Jennifer presented RMAC operating budget. Commissioners asked to add a "balance" column and to also include the 1% for Art Fund balance. Jennifer will update for the next meeting.

*#8- Current Art Projects:*

Welcome to Renton Sign:

Commissioner O'Halloran reported no new update.

Burnett Park:

The artwork is refurbished and in place at the South end of the park. Commissioners agree it is in a great location and suggested to send a "Thank You" note to Renton Technical College project managers. Commissioner Lund will send the note after receipt of the Renton Technical College contact.

Hérons:

The trees have been trimmed around the sculpture. Commission Pepper suggested moving the sculpture to the center of the roundabout. Research to be done on the cost to move the sculpture.

*#9- Maintenance/Repair Work:*

A quote to reattach the "Homework Comes First" sculpture by Martha Pettigrew was received for \$2400 and the firm is looking for additional quotes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commission by-laws and committees:

Commissioners agreed to send a Thank You note to Taco Time for the coupons donated for the coloring contest and Kristi Hand for her volunteer efforts with the Renton River Days booth. Commissioner Lund will send the notes to Taco Time and Kristi.

Commissioner Lund reported the need to update the catalog of all City owned art. Commissioners Lund, Pepper and Peterson volunteered to serve on the committee.

Commissioner Pepper recommended the need to review and update as necessary the by-laws for the Commission. It was discussed about the need to ensure rotating leadership. Commissioners Lund and Pepper and Jennifer Davis will form a committee to develop recommendation for updates.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The August 6, 2008, meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

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Patricia Pepper, Chair