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RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2011
4:30 pm

Renton City Hall
Conferencing Center (7th Floor)

Municipal Arts Commissioners Present: Jerri Everett, Peter Hartley, Bill Huls, Britt McKenzie, and Denise Zullig

Municipal Arts Commissioners Absent: Sarah Eldridge, Doug Kyes, Brook Lindquist, Patricia Pepper, Evelyn Reingold, and Wesley Van Doren

City Staff Present: Jennifer Davis Hayes, Community & Economic Development
Vincent Orduna, Community Services
Elizabeth Stewart, Renton History Museum
Judith Subia, Community & Economic Development

CALL TO ORDER: Commission Vice Chair McKenzie called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Quorum was not met. The approval of minutes was tabled to the next meeting.

The Commission welcomed Natalie Gress who is interested in joining the Commission and serving in the youth position. She is a theatrical actress and performed in the Summer Teen Musical.

PUBLIC ART PIECE OF THE MONTH: Britt presented this month's art piece: "Balance Cleaver" by Dan Freeman. It is in the Main Library and sits along the wall that faces Liberty Park. This piece was purchased in 1995. There was discussion about what would happen to art pieces in the library when it moves; the Commission will decide where the art pieces will go.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Local Arts Agency: Jennifer attended the meeting last Thursday in Sammamish. On the agenda was Storefronts Seattle program which costs about \$2,500 to \$50,000 a year. Arts Crush was discussed and the idea of doing mini tours of arts and culture in the cities was proposed. The Commission discussed testing this idea during the Fall Harvest Festival and Business Expo on October 8. Jennifer distributed notes that showed different art pieces that could be included in the tour. Ideas discussed were including the Cedar River and Carco Theatre. Other ideas included a scavenger hunt instead of a tour and having an open-ended "passport" instead of connecting it to one event. There was discussion about

adding bar codes (or QR codes) on art pieces to find out more information. Bill will research the prices for bar codes. This topic will be revisited at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEM LIST:

Community Services Committee Update: Commissioners are encouraged to attend the Renton City Council Community Services Committee meeting on September 12 at 6:00 p.m. [Editor's Note: Time changed from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.] The agenda will include the first annual update for the Arts & Culture Master Plan and informing the Committee about the Fall Arts Equinox Community meeting. The Communications Committee is working on visuals for this meeting. Britt will share the draft visuals.

COMMITTEES

Resource Development: Denise and Peter will work together to discuss the history of this committee and determine next steps.

1% for Art: Denise, Jennifer and Jim Seitz (from Transportation) reviewed the City's Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for the next 6 years and discussed potential public art investments. A summary of the upcoming projects and recommended investments will be posted on Google Docs.

Rainier Project: A preliminary design for the NW corner of Rainier Ave and Grady way was submitted to Jennifer. Benson Shaw prepared an initial cost estimate of \$30,000 to expand the public art to that side of the street. The Commission discussed the opportunity cost for this investment. The Commissioners present were not interested in pursuing this opportunity due to other public art projects that are on the horizon.

Communications: Britt is working on a quarterly newsletter for distribution in September. The newsletter will be covering three art pieces of the month, highlight local and regional art organizations, what RMAC is doing, the Master Plan, and what's happening at SAM. The target audience will be from the cultural registry list. The newsletter will be available both electronically and on paper. Britt will have a draft of the newsletter ready by mid-August.

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEES

Performing Arts in Renton (PAIR) Committee: The Committee is making progress and finalizing short and long term goals.

Arts Center Committee: The Committee is developing a business plan.

Galvanizing Project: Denise is coordinating a Volunteer Kick Off meeting for September 26 at the Renton Library from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADHOC COMMITTEES:

Renton River Days: Britt shared Pat's thoughts that the origami was successful last year. The Watercolor Association and Origami Association can attend to do a demonstration. There was also discussion about having volunteers from the Summer Teen Musical. There was discussion about having a mini activity for the Fall Equinox. VJ and Bill will help plan the Renton River Days booth and activity for next year.

Public Arts Inventory Update & Rotation: Denise and Sarah are working on upgrading the database and developing a list of potential artwork for rotation.

COMMISSION PROJECTS:

Carco Theatre Lobby Display: Deborah Haggman's work will be on display until August 12. Britt asked for volunteers to help install the next artist's work on August 27. VJ said that the musical did well and was asked about a student art show. There will also be a Call for Artists included in the RMAC newsletter. There was discussion about creating a generic Call for Artist brochure that can be left at Carco Theatre.

Library Design Committee: Denise said that there will be a meeting in August and a public meeting in August or September. [Editor's Note: The Downtown Library Design meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13, 6 – 8 pm at the Renton Pavilion Event Center.]

Henry Moses Honoring Pole: Jennifer shared four options for the font that will be on the plaque. The Commission decided on Option 2. Jennifer will order the plaque.

Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Natural Resources Plan: Britt attended the last meeting where the Parks Division discussed collecting information from the community, Parks Commission, and Interdepartmental Team. They are formatting the Master Plan for presentation. The public art mentioned in the plan helps to create an identity. They will be showing the results at the next meeting.

SIFF / Renton FilmFrenzy: Jerri will attend the next meeting on August 18. The July meeting was cancelled.

COMMISSION BUDGET: Jennifer shared that there was \$750 budgeted for small grants and \$2,645 for Committee projects. There was discussion about projects that needed funding and grants that could be offered as scholarships. Jennifer will draft a one page grant description and application.

Master Plan Implementation: The Fall Equinox meeting will be held on September 22. The Commission will hold an open house style event and all Commissioners must participate. There will be a meeting to discuss the format. Britt will be attending a meeting in Seattle on Friday to see a new presentation style, where everyone has the same number of slides and time frame to present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Allied Arts Membership: Peter spoke with Char Baker about the Commission and Allied Arts sharing information about goals. Peter also discussed the Commission becoming a member of Allied Arts to support the arts. Due to the lack of a quorum, an electronic vote will take place to decide to join Allied Arts.

Adjournment: The August 2, 2011, meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on September 6, 2011, at 4:30 pm.



Britt McKenzie, Vice Chair