



*Renton  
Municipal  
Arts  
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## RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2009  
4:30 p.m.

Renton City Hall  
Council Conference Room

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Municipal Arts Commissioners Present: Patricia Pepper, Jerri Everett, Valerie Gower, Doug Kyes, Fred Lund, Linda Middlebrooks, Mike O'Halloran, Britt Peterson, Evelyn Reingold, Wesley Van Doren and Denise Zullig.

Municipal Arts Commissioners Absent: Dalia Amin

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

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Pat Pepper called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Commission motioned to approve the December 2008 minutes. Linda Middlebrooks requested that under Community Development in the Action Item we explain Anime, the Japanese word, put in parentheses Japanese animation style. The Commission motioned to approve the December 2008 minutes as edited. MOVED BY Fred Lund, SECONDED BY DOUG KYES. COMMISSIONERS CONCUR, MOTION CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Commissioner Lund distributed mail to RMAC.

**Items of Note:**

- Evelyn Reingold brought Seattle Art Museum brochure on School & Educator Programs. She believes Renton is not taking advantage of programs offered. She noted on the back cover was a Teachers' Resource page. Stated we should encourage teachers in Renton School District to become satellites, it is a free resource. Linda Middlebrooks asked if it was sent out to schools and recommended it should be placed in schools and we should bring attention to it. PTA roundtable for Renton might be able to help get the word out. Send information formally to Superintendent as an idea for partnership. The Art Docent program matches Washington State curriculum. Information available to teachers in library and on web – <http://www.seattleartmuseum.org/learn/schoolteacher/default.asp>. Evelyn Reingold willing to work to foster these partnerships through personal contact, Doug Kyes will work with Evelyn on this project. Team attack program at Art Museum, we should develop partnership. First research the cost and possibly offer matching fund grants. PTA's good places for funding this type of project.
- Seattle Art Museum, Betty Bowen Award recipient, Isaac Layman, a young photographer received a cash prize of \$15,000. Seattle Channel 21 feature called Art Zone where you can find his interview. [www.seattlechannel.org](http://www.seattlechannel.org). Doris Chase passed away last month—she was a recipient of this award at one time.
- SoCo Culture, City of Burien and 4Culture are doing an interesting art project. 3 acres of undeveloped land will be used for oversized sculptures. Two done by artist who was a participant in the Burning Man Arts Festival. [www.burningman.com](http://www.burningman.com). Cooperative effort with architect and Burien Arts Commission. Allows them to develop large pieces and develop vacant spaces.
- Fred Lund passed around information from various arts organizations and commented that there is a lot of money out there being donated to art.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Local Arts Organization Updates:**

- 4Culture January 22 next meeting
- Linda Middlebrooks mentioned SoCo Culture meeting January 7 at 12.30 pm at the Kent historical society.

## **ACTION ITEM LIST:**

### **Committee Reports**

#### • **Community Development: Committee Chair Fred Lund**

No meeting due to weather

#### • **Performing Arts: Committee Chair Mike O'Halloran**

Did not meet due to weather.

1. Doug Kyes talked to VJ and Chris and they are in favor of RMAC taking over a season at IKEA PAC. City has auditorium 5 nights per year. Check if this is correct and verify availability. Discussion ensued on how it might work. RMAC support events already scheduled, possibly Fall 2009. City Band, Ballet, Rainier Symphony, maybe children's show. Contact Jim Kelly for more information. Terry Higashiyama & King Parker on Board and want to do something. Mike O'Halloran to join IPAC advisory meetings to learn more. Check history of giving grants to events. Contact Charlie Rathbun, 4Culture, Site specific performances.
2. Jennifer Davis Hayes asked if anyone could attend next 4Culture meeting on January 22.

#### • **Visual Arts: Committee Chair Britt Peterson**

Did not meet due to weather.

- Artist Receptions: Postcard available soon to promote future artist receptions
- New artist at Carco – **add details**
- Any progress on accepting art policy? Britt Peterson asked if there were any other cities who have this kind of policy so we can start with something. Gifts to City are different to gifts through RMAC. Jennifer Davis Hayes will follow up on any City policies for accepting gifts. Kent doesn't have a policy, they follow call for artist criteria. In past RMAC has reviewed Call for Artists such as Garage Project. Doug Kyes made several pieces for the City. Info will be forward to committee to review.

#### • **1% for Arts: Committee Chair Pat Pepper**

Did not meet due to weather.

- Infrastructure, meeting time, R & D, Wesley interested in building structure to receive money. He has been reading and researching. Build future for Renton with possible mural project. Heroism. Murals & pictures. Art plays a huge part in Economic Development. Use art for inspiring and bringing community together. Neighborhood associations are interested in art. Wesley Van Doren & Evelyn Reingold met with architect on Rainier project – RMAC should work with bid process and enter into it early on. Create alliances to interface with city.
- Denise Zullig & Jennifer Davis Hayes met with transportation staff regarding Rainier Avenue Improvement Project which is in the design stage and will start construction in 2010 at the earliest. The Commission received copies of the design concepts which include potential art projects. The amount of art included in the actual project will depend on the cost of the project, which is unknown until the project is bid. Transportation staff will present more information to the Arts Commission when the design is at 30% stage. They also talked about the possibility of art for Shattuck, which could include four cows. There is no money allocated currently but the Commission showed interest in collaborating on a project. There are gateway signs also planned at Grady and Duvall, but design has not been decided.
- Pat Pepper suggested committees look for closure on some of these items discuss such as the policy for accepting art.

### **Commission Budget**

Jennifer Davis Hayes passed around brochure from a RMAC grant recipient. Jennifer asked opinion on grant process and what happens in the grant proposed budget doesn't match how they spend the money. RMAC felt grant recipients should be accountable for how they spend the money and if there is an exception they should come back to RMAC to request changes. RMAC has a public responsibility to track budget monies. RMAC will update their application process to make policy clear prior to assigning money in future. When grant monies are given it must be stipulated that if monies aren't shown by a certain time then the grant will default. They will only be paid for what they produce. Documentation and project report should be submitted to RMAC within 30 days of project completion. Documentation for all projects should be submitted to RMAC by October 31, projects after October 31 will be given a specific date for documentation submission.

Grants:

- Mid January send letter out for grants
- Organizations can meet and submit applications by end of February
- RMAC board review in March and vote April 7th meeting.

### **Commission Retreat**

Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 4:30-8:30. Jennifer Davis Hayes passed out parking permits for Southport and briefed RMAC on location. Master Plan will be discussed at Retreat.

- Review of Goals /Accomplishments – submit 2008 Annual Report and present to Council. RMAC would like to make a special presentation to council. People-to-people presentation is powerful. Visual cues help catch the eye. PowerPoint could run in background during presentation.
  - List grant recipients
  - Carco theater displays
  - FilmFrenzy
  - Inventoried city-owned two-dimensional art
  - Include 2009 goals on Action Item list for monthly meetings.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Commission Foci: Address at Retreat.

Retreat – Discussed earlier

Art Organization meeting calendar was presented.

Art Events Calendar- Reviewed event list and will proceed to finalize and put on web

Mike O'Halloran talked about Arts Day on February 3, 2009 and he will organize meetings with Renton's legislators. Mike O'Halloran, Pat Pepper, Doug Kyes, Evelyn Reingold, Wesley Van Doren, Valerie Gower, and Fred Lund are interested in attending the day in Olympia. Vivienne Lietz to send list of Legislators.

Pat Pepper asked if we had any documentation from the arts organizations we joined. Washington State Arts commission does not require membership; Commissioners can sign up individually for newsletter. You can be a community partner with SAM – RMAC will review and decide whether to sign up.

Jennifer Davis Hayes made announcements:

- "A night of Recognition" see flyer in packet
- Arts and Culture Registry will go on web soon.
- Update on art in interview room at City Hall – Police Department is concerned with framed print art being used as a weapon and suggested a mural that is Police oriented such as a logo. RMAC decided not to go ahead as it doesn't sound like the art project that was initially presented to commission.

Fred Lund showed Renton Magazine with Barb Nilson featured. She mentioned an interest for a gallery in Downtown Renton and Fred thought there might be a possibility for a gallery in the new loan building of First Savings Northwest. Gerry Edlund, prior Arts commission, is on Board of Directors.

**Adjournment:** The January 6, 2009, meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

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Patricia Pepper, Chair