



RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2012
4:30 pm

Renton City Hall
Conferencing Center (7th Floor)

Municipal Arts Commissioners Present: Ben Andrews, Jaris English, Jerri Everett, Peter Hartley, Bill Huls, Doug Kyes, Britt McKenzie, Evelyn Reingold and Denise Zullig

City Staff Present: Jennifer Davis Hayes, Community & Economic Development; Judith Subia, Community & Economic Development; Vincent Orduna, Community Services; Terry Higashiyama, Community Services

CALL TO ORDER: Commission Chair McKenzie called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Britt welcomed new Commissioners, Ben Andrews and Jaris English. Jon Schindehette, Paul Hebron, and Natalie Gress, all interested in joining the Commission, and Andee Jorgenson from Allied Arts were also in attendance.

Ned Mueller came to discuss the South Puget Sound Art League. It is an idea to create a non-profit artist organization to provide studio and other space. There are models daily with national artist workshops. He is interested in the Art Center. The next Art Center meeting will be scheduled and Ned will be contacted.

Terry Higashiyama spoke with the Commission regarding the current library building. There are currently 23 members on the Steering Committee. They have studied all City Plans, including the Arts & Culture Master Plan. A community open house was held and an online survey was conducted. The Committee received constructive ideas. The goal of the Committee is to find the best way to utilize the library building over the Cedar River. The group has been divided into three categories: Arts & Culture (staffed by Greg Stroh), Environment Interpretative (staffed by Liz Stewart), and Third Place (staffed by Terry Higashiyama). A written report and recommendation is expected to be presented to Council in April.

Brook Lindquist has resigned from the Commission. There are three vacancies, one of which is a youth position.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: COMMISSIONER BRITT MCKENZIE PRESENTED THE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER TO THE GROUP AND ASKED IF ANYONE HAD ANY COMMENTS. ON PAGE 2, UNDER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, JENNIFER IS MISSPELLED. DOUG KYES MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED, SECONDED BY PETER HARTLEY. COMMISSIONERS CONCURED, MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jennifer Davis Hayes passed around the folder for people to review. In addition to the correspondence received, Jennifer passed around five reports from art project grants.

MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Committee Updates

Performing Arts (PAIR): Peter is conducting a survey on what's feasible. The results will be available at the next meeting on Monday.

Galvanizing Projects: Denise said that the next meeting will be on January 23 at the Downtown Library from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. They will be discussing whether to select a project as a committee or take it to the community, with a launch at the Spring Arts Equinox.

Art Center: Britt said that there is a field trip with the Library Steering Committee on Saturday. She will set an additional meeting date. Anyone interested in joining the team on the field trip, contact Doug. Britt suggested that an Allied Arts member also be invited.

Spring Arts Equinox: Britt said that the first meeting went well. It will be held at Harambee and the committee is working on a theme. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10 at Luther's Table at 6:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Action Item List

Arts Commission Committees

Resource Development: Peter routed and discussed the goals of the Committee.

1% for the Arts:

4Cows: Denise is waiting to hear back from the South Renton Connections neighborhood for their decision regarding the request.

Rainier Ave: Jennifer said that the construction proposals came in below bid. The contractor recommendation will be presented to Council next week.

Garden Ave: This road project has been awarded \$20,000 of the approximate \$1.7M total budget as part of a grant for landscaping/design. Jennifer asked for ideas. Doug, Denise and Evelyn were interested in being on the Committee.

Communications & Marketing: The Committee needs to meet and will be discussing goals.

Ad Hoc Committees

Renton River Days Booth: VJ is looking at costs for the ideas mentioned at last month's meeting. He will also be meeting with Bonnie Rerecich regarding the additional booth at the Art Market and the Commission's responsibility.

Commission Recruitment: Six applications, including 1 youth application, have been received. Interviews will occur this month with a recommendation coming forward in February. A pilot Commissioner-in-Training program will be discussed.

Commission Projects

Carco Theatre: The current artist will be installing art this week. There will be no reception. Due to VJ's relocation to the Community Center, art viewers may have to contact the Community Center front desk staff to access the display.

Library Architecture Design Team: Denise reported that the December 14 public meeting was well attended. There was a formal presentation that was well-received. No new meeting has been set. Due to Brook's resignation, an RMAC representative for the Highlands Library is needed. Ben volunteered. There was also discussion about projecting Renton art on the library walls or rotating art on a digital frame.

Financial Reports

Commission Budget: Jennifer presented the 2012 budget that she worked on with Executive Committee. The budget showed funds being carried over for grant reports that are still outstanding, five frames for presenting art, and additional projects. The proposed budget also includes \$8,500 from a 4Culture grant that is expected to be announced in February.

PETER HARTLEY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET WITH THE ADDITION OF THE GARDEN AVENUE PROJECT, SECONDED BY BILL HULS. COMMISSIONERS CONCURED, MOTION CARRIED.

Boards & Commission Training

Jennifer shared information that is included in the new member packets.

NEW BUSINESS

2012 Art Grants: Peter routed a draft invitation to apply for grants. The new invitation ties into the Master Plan with more specifics and criteria added. There was discussion regarding grant amounts and criteria. Jennifer will send out an amended draft. All feedback is due to her by Friday. Invitations are being mailed out on January 9 are due February 3.

Adjournment: The January 3, 2012, meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 7, 2012, in the Conferencing Center at 4:30 p.m.

Britt McKenzie, Chair