



RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2012
4:30 pm

Renton City Hall
Council Conference Room (7th Floor)

Municipal Arts Commissioners Present: Ben Andrews, Jaris English, Jerri Everett, Peter Hartley, Doug Kyes, Britt McKenzie, Evelyn Reingold, Paul Hebron, Natalie Gress

Absent: Denise Zullig, Jon Schindehette, Bill Huls

City Staff Present: Jennifer Davis Hayes, Community & Economic Development; Vincent Orduna, Community Services; Liz Stewart, Renton History Museum.

Guest: Todd Black, Capital Project Coordinator, Parks Division, Community Services Department

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

Mr. Black gave a report on the Hillcrest Early Childhood Learning Center inclusive playground project. The new school will be open in the Fall of 2013. The City will develop an inclusive playground in collaboration with the Renton School District. Funds will include donations from the Rotary Club and other service clubs, in addition to City resources.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: COMMISSIONER BRITT MCKENZIE PRESENTED THE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER TO THE GROUP AND ASKED IF ANYONE HAD ANY COMMENTS. DOUG KYES MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY PAUL HEBRON. COMMISSIONERS CONCURED, MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC ART PIECE OF THE MONTH: Ben Andrews gave a report on "The Owl". This sculpture is located in the lobby of City Hall. The artist is Alan Wright. Mr. Wright was an Arts Commissioner for the City of Renton from 1962-1965.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jennifer Davis Hayes passed around the folder for people to review. Other announcements included:

The Seattle Art Museum is holding an Community Open House for the Gaugin Exhibit which ends April 29. This open house will include arts and crafts activities for children.

Spring Arts Equinox is on Thursday, March 22, 2012, from 6 to 8 pm. Everyone please attend.

Sound Transit will be remodeling the Sounder Train station. Open House to view plans

March 13, 3:30 – 6:30 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Action Item List

Arts Commission Committees (Please refer to the Committee Reports for further information.)

Resource Development: Next meeting will be March 16, 6 pm at Luther's Table. Peter is exploring a grant opportunity for the 4 Cow Public Art Project.

2012 Art Grant Program: Twelve applications were received and the Committee submitted a recommendation to fund 10 of the 12 projects at various levels. The project submitted on behalf of the Performing Arts in Renton Committee was recommended to be considered from separate funding. Doug asked that the award to Sierra Heights school be lowered from \$350 to \$200 because the project has slightly changed and will only include interior vs. exterior artwork. Commissioners added \$50 to Allied Arts of Renton, Evergreen City Ballet and Renton Community Chorus awards. EVELYN REINGOLD MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AMENDED COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND 10 PROJECTS AT A TOTAL OF \$6,000, SECONDED BY DOUG KYES. COMMISSIONERS CONCURED, MOTION CARRIED.

1% for the Arts: The report on the Public Art Corridor Plan project was presented to develop a plan to help develop public art in a more strategic and less reactive method. PETER HARTLEY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PLAN TO HIRE A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP A PUBLIC ART CORRIDOR PLAN, SECONDED BY DOUG KYES. COMMISSIONERS CONCURED, MOTION CARRIED.

4Cows: No action at this time.

Rainier Ave: No action at this time.

Garden Ave N: The bids for the Transportation contractor are due April 13. The plan is to move the sculpture Emerging to the NW corner of the intersection of Park Ave N and Garden Ave N.

Communications & Marketing: First meeting will be held March 9, noon, Liberty Café.

Performing Arts In Renton (PAIR): Peter announced that PAIR is working on a website to highlight performing arts – liveatrenton.com. There is a mockup of the web site available. The request to complete this project was submitted to the 2012 Art Grant Program process. The review committee believed that this request should be reviewed and funded from the Committee Projects budget line (\$3,370 established for 2012.) The money will be used to develop, implement and maintain the new web site for one year. PAUL HEBRON MOTIONED TO APPROVE \$500 FOR THE WEBSITE FUNDING REQUEST FROM THE COMMITTEE PROJECT BUDGET LINE, SECONDED BY JARIS ENGLISH. COMMISSIONERS CONCURED, MOTION CARRIED.

Art Center: The next meeting is March 28, 7 pm at the Community Center.

Galvanizing Project: No action required at this time

Ad Hoc Committees

Spring Arts Equinox: Will be held Thursday, March 22, 6 -8 pm at Harambee (316 S 3rd St). Planning committee includes Allied Arts of Renton.

Renton River Days Booth: VJ presented a complete booth plan. EVELYN REINGOLD MOTIONED TO RENTON RIVER DAYS PLAN TO PURSUE VOTING ON GRANTS, GAME, KIDS ACTIVITY AND A DRAWING. COMMISSIONERS CONCURED, MOTION CARRIED. The idea of an art demonstration was discussed. VJ and Bill will follow up. A form will be emailed to everyone to sign up for work shifts on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Renton River Days.

Commission Projects

Carco Theatre Lobby Display: The attendance at the reception for Tracy Wallshallager was very poor. The artist did not invite many people. It was reiterated that it is the artist's responsibility to invite attendees.

Library Architecture Design Team: No action since the last meeting. The initiative submitted regarding the Downtown library is still under review and no decisions have been made differently at this time.

SIFF-Renton/Renton FilmFrenzy: Mark your calendars for May 18 through 24, with the SIFF-Renton Opening Night Screening & Gala on Friday, May 18.

NEW BUSINESS

2012-2013 Goals and Updated Brochure: Commissioner's ideas for 2012-12 goals should be submitted to Jennifer. Discussion began about whether this brochure needs to be published since the same information is on the City website. The Commission agreed that it makes sense to continue and asked the Communications Committee to work on this project.

Commission Retreat: A date not yet determined. Commissioners were asked to send Jennifer one sentence what you wish to get out of the retreat. Jennifer talked to one consultant about speaking at the retreat. More information to follow.

Public Art Maintenance: In response to the concern for the placement of the Trees tapestry public art in the lobby of the Senior Center, Doug Kyes requested a quote from L.A. Frames to develop a larger frame to avoid further damage to the piece. Jennifer will work with the Senior Center and Facilities to remedy the situation.

ADJOURNMENT: The March 6, 2012, meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 3, 2012, in the Conferencing Center at 4:30 p.m.

Britt McKenzie, Chair