



*Renton
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RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

September 2, 2014

Renton City Hall, 7th Floor –Conference Center

Members Present:

Peter Hartley, Marsha Rollinger, Paul Hebron, Bill Huls. Jerri Everett, Evelyn Reingold, Mitch Shepherd

Excused Absence: Michele Bettinger, Jaris English, Ben Andrews

Staff Present: Elizabeth Higgins, Staff Liaison, Liz Stewart, Director Renton Historical Museum, and John Collum, Department of Community and Economic Development

Guest: Kim Sweet, Arts Unlimited Board Member

Approval of minutes: Copies of the minutes will be mailed

Correspondence and announcements: The correspondence and event folders were circulated for individual review.

- Sept. 1-30, 2014: FilmFrenzy Registration (www.ReelRenton.com) for information.
- Sept. 5-20, 2014: “Educating Rita,” Renton Civic Theatre (425-2265529 or www.rentoncivictheatre.org for ticket information)
- Oct. 1, 2014: FilmFrenzy Producer’s meeting -Renton History Museum
- Oct. 3-5, 2014: Film Frenzy filming in Renton Weekend
- Oct. 7, 2014: Next RMAC meeting
- Oct. 11, 2014: “Renton Best Fest”, Ikea Performing Arts Center
- Oct. 18, 2014: FilmFrenzy Screening, Ikea Performing Arts Center
- Oct. 18, 2014: Burlesque show - Renton Civic Theatre after The Rocky Horror show
- Oct. 24, 2014: Curvee Gala Awards and NW Film Honors – Renton Pavilion

Committee Reports:

- **Executive Committee** – Peter, Paul and Elizabeth gave a presentation to the Renton Rotary last month. Rotary donated 1500 pounds of food on their behalf to First Harvest.
- **Arts and Antique Walk, 8/23/14** – Paul reported that 34 artists and 24 businesses participated in the 9th Annual Arts and Antique Walk. It was a great team effort and the response was very favorable. RMAC had an information table.

- **FilmFrenzy** – An estimated 500 people are expected to participate in the Oct 29/14 events. Participants go beyond Renton and reps from Holly Shorts in Los Angeles will be amongst the judges. See announcements for specific events.

Old Business:

- **Annual Report to Mayor:** Peter, Michele and Ben will provide a 5 year snapshot of the RMAC past budgets to highlight where we were and what is needed for the future.
- **Heaven Sent Mural:** An exemption from the Sign Code was submitted and the grant application is contingent on the permit exemption. Project is ready to go.
- **Going Global:** Information regarding plaque fabrication and costs will be researched by Evelyn. We would like to schedule the plaque installation and dedication for the third week in September, pending the Mayor and Artist's schedule.
- **Renton Technical College** – Is opening a new Culinary Room and requested RMAC input/help to develop a "Rotating Art Gallery". Elizabeth will contact them and Paul is to meet with them to advise them of what is involved and answer any questions.

New Business:

- **Renton Historical Museum:** Liz Stewart stated that last year Renton History Museum presented "A Year of Art" with rotating exhibits. For the 2014/2015 they are seeking partnerships for exhibits. Some possible ideas are needed from RMAC and other local artists. One idea was an historical timeline of going to Renton's movie theatres. The Roxie Theatre's sign is part of the Historical Museum's holdings and a display in the vacant American Drapery windows will be explored by Liz and Elizabeth. Liz also said that she will no longer administer Renton's social media accounts (Facebook/Twitter).
- **Down Town Revitalization:** John Collum reported that there is a small budget for public improvement projects in downtown Renton. Some of the possible projects include: **Banners** – Replacements needed for either seasonal or a fresh new conceptual design (65 needed for 3rd Ave). For instance, areas could be "branded" with a common logo or a written design. **Murals** – Fill in for empty spaces and blank walls downtown. Pictures, graphics, or historical scenes to add interest to alleys open to main streets, i.e., the Western Wear building. **Utility Wraps-** Historical images or artist rendered designs. **Sidewalk** –Art designs imbedded into sidewalk. John is working with the Downtown Association on the overall design needs and to ensure a business driven effort for the downtown focus.
- **RMAC Vacancies:** Currently there are three positions open. A general announcement was placed on our website with applications due by end of September. The hope is to have the new members identified in time for them to participate in our November Retreat.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.

Evelyn Reingold,
RMAC Secretary

Peter Hartley,
RMAC Chair