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RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

June 3, 2014

Renton City Hall, 7th Floor –Conference Center

Members Present:

Peter Hartley, Chair, Evelyn Reingold, Marsha Rollinger, Jerri Everett, Paul Hebron, Michele Bettinger, Mitch Shepherd and Elizabeth Higgins, Staff Liaison

Excused Absence: Ben Andrews, Bill Huls, Natalie Gress, and Jaris English

Guests: Rick Moreno, Wow Murals; Ezell Stephens, Heaven Sent Chicken; and John Collum, City of Renton, Department of Community and Economic Development, Community Development Project Manager

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by RMAC President, Peter Hartley at 4:33 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May 5, 2014 RMAC were read and accepted. (Michele/Mitch)

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

- June 6-21, 2014, "Urinetown: The Musical", at Renton Civic Theatre (425-226-5529 or rentoncivictheatre.org for ticket information)
- June 16, 2014, Notification of RMAC 2014 grant results
- June 22, 2014, 6:30pm – 8pm – Allied Arts monthly meeting at Luther's table
- July 1, 2014, 4:30 pm -7pm – Next RMAC meeting

Guest Proposal: Rick Moreno from Wow Murals had presented a proposal about 4 months ago to place a mural on the outside of a burned out building downtown. However, the owner, Mr. Ho decided to just paint the building. He was retained by Ezell Stephens, owner of Heaven Sent Chicken to design a mural for his business. The location is on 3rd and Morris, across from the Piazza. The mural will be a large wall (130 ft long by 18 ft high). The concept is a jigsaw puzzle with Ezell holding up a kid wearing a Seahawks jersey to put the last piece in place. Mr. Stephens is willing to put up most of the money for this large mural. All the commissioners loved the design concept and think it will be a good use of the large bland wall across from the Piazza. The RMAC suggested that they complete a Small Grant Application to request funds for \$500 and under to complete the mural.

New Business:

- **RMAC Committee Lines of Accountability:** The RMAC Committee Assignment document was revised to show the Executive Committee members the committee will report their progress.

- **Renton River Days:** Michele presented the RMAC booth plans. We will use postcard drawings of various public art for visitors to color at our booth. The cards can be taken home or hung in the booth. We still have supplies from last year and she will check to replenish as necessary. Other Renton arts groups will be contacted to sign up for a three hour shift. There are 27 three hour shifts that need coverage for the Renton River Days – July 25 thru July 27. A worksheet with three hour shift options was passed around for RMAC commitments. Michele will send invitation to Renton arts groups to sign up for shifts and make their brochures or flyers available to give to visitors.
- **Review Committee 2014 Grants Application:** Peter, Jeri, Marsha, Michelle, and Evelyn reviewed the grant applications. Ten applications were reviewed with the amount of \$27, 990 requested. The total amount awarded was \$11,000. Each applicant was given an award.

It was moved and seconded that the Grant Application Review Committee recommendations be approved as submitted (Michele/Marsha) Notifications will be sent to each applicant by June 16, 2014.

Old Business:

- **Highlands “Turtle” Relocation:** The sculpture was formerly located in front of Sears store before being moved to the Highlands. Its new home will be near the dolphin at the Henry Moses Water Park as soon as it is refinished with new paint. A comment was made that it is hoped the new location will be accessible to the public for “free” and not inside the water park where a fee is required.
- **Public Art in the Downtown Library:** Elizabeth announced a meeting with representatives from King County will be held to finalize plans for the downtown library. They have already said that they do not want to keep any of the public art that is there. She will confirm which pieces need to be moved so the RMAC can decide where they can be relocated.

Other Business:

Piazza West- Gravel Lot: The Piazza has been expanded to include the open gravel lot across the street on the west side. This location is being considered for a wine sample spot and Arts Unlimited is suggesting that it be an art hub for an art space. Michele mentioned that Pike Place Market has reduced its space for crafts people from to 200 tables to about 70. Perhaps, some of them would be interested in the Farmer’s Market.

RMAC Vacancies: Currently there are two positions open.

RMAC Biographies: Reminder ---Commissioner bios are due to Jaris by July 13, 2014. The Planning Commissioner bios were passed around for reference. Mitch volunteered to bring lights and cameras to the July RMAC meeting to take professional pictures of each commissioner.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Evelyn Reingold,
RMAC Secretary

Peter Hartley, Chair

