



## RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

December 1, 2015

Renton City Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor –Conference Center

### **Members Present:**

Marsha Rollinger, Mary Clymer, Paul Hebron, Kim Eshelman, Mitch Shepherd, Adrienne La Faye, and Evelyn Reingold

**Excused Absence:** Ben Andrews, Bill Huls, Jerri Everett, Neil Sheesley, and Jaris English

**Staff Present:** Elizabeth Higgins, RMAC Staff Liaison

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by RMAC Co-Chair, Paul Hebron at 6:13 pm.

**Introduction of Guests:** Chip Vincent, Administrator - City of Renton Department Community & Economic Development

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the November 3, 2015 RMAC meeting were read and accepted. MSC (Marsha/Mary)

### **New Business:**

- **Reappointment of Commissioners** – Ben Andrews, Mitch Shepherd, Mary Clymer and Evelyn Reingold were affirmed by the Commission to be reappointed to the RMAC for another 3-year term. MSC (Marsha/Kim)
- **Thank You to Jaris English for Three Years of Service** – Jaris English resigned from the RMAC, effective immediately. It was suggested that she be given the Bravo Award for her service. Paul Hebron will do an illustration of her as part of the award. MSC (Evelyn/Mary)

### **Old Business:**

- **Small Grant Application** – Applications from TreeRoots Strong Publishings, LLC and The Art of Writing were discussed. After review of both applications the RMAC made the decision to:
  - Award \$500 to TreeRoots Strong Publishings, LLC and invite them to attend the January meeting to share more about their program. MSC (Evelyn/Mitch)
  - Request additional information from The Art of Writing program and an itemized budget as well as invite them to our February meeting. MSC (Mary/Marsha)
- **Arts and Culture Master Plan** – Chip Vincent and Elizabeth had an internal meeting with several city departments (Finance, Community Services and others) to discuss the revised plan. It was acknowledged that the plan was underfunded, however, the RMAC needs to establish a prioritization of the multi-year plan with consideration of limited funds and limited internal resources. Each RMAC member is to identify their top six (6) priorities from the plan with near and short term strategies. Paul offered to develop an on-line survey (Survey Monkey) to get everyone's input.

Deadline for response is December 11, 2015 so that our recommendations can be presented to City Council and Mayor's office for support.

- **RMAC Budget Update and Discussion** –It was determined that the RMAC remaining balance can be carried over into 2016. Chip will coordinate with Finance to facilitate this.
- **RMAC Art Project Initiative** - The Wells Ave S./Post Office sidewalk strip will be an “Art Garden” with low-maintenance, drought tolerant plants and three concrete figure planters. The RMAC authorized \$2000 for materials, landscaping, sculptures and installation. MSC (Adrienne/Mitch)
- **Correspondence and announcements:** The correspondence and event folders were circulated for individual review.

### Upcoming Art and Culture Meetings and Events

- Dec 4, Fri at 8 pm, Bulgarian musicians “Tonika-Domini” at Carco Theatre (1717 SE Maple Valley Hwy, info@carcotheatre.org or 206-372-2021 for more information)
- Dec 4–6 and 19-20: Ensemble Ballet Theatre presents “The Nutcracker” at IPAC (400 S 2<sup>nd</sup> St, 425-228-6800 for times and ticket information)
- Dec 4 - 19: “Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol” at the Renton Civic Theatre (507 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St, 425-226-5529 for times and ticket information)
- Dec 5, Sat at 7pm: BestFest multicultural and crash cinema winners at Carco Theatre – free admission (1717 SE Maple Valley Hwy, info@carcotheatre.org for more information)
- Dec 8-May 21: “Birth, Life & Death,” at Renton History Museum (235 Mill Ave S, 425-255-2330)
- Dec 9: Long Tran presents “Vast Minority” and other of his short films at IPAC (400 S 2<sup>nd</sup> St, 425-255-9480 for times and ticket information)
- Dec 13: Renton City Concert Band Winter Concert at IPAC (400 S 2<sup>nd</sup> St, 425-430-6700 for times and ticket information)
- Dec 19, Sat at 6:30 pm: Restoration of the Arts presents “Grace” at the Carco Theatre (1717 SE Maple Valley Hwy, 206-760-1163 or info@carcotheatre.org for more information)
- Dec 26, Sat 6pm: Last Chance Productions Presents, “The Toxic Avenger Musical” at the Renton Civic Theatre (507 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St, 425-226-5529 for times and ticket information)
- On-going through Dec 18<sup>th</sup>: Mercer Island Visual Arts League Holiday Arts Show at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center (8236 SE 24<sup>th</sup> St MI, call 206-275-7609 for more information)
- On-going to through Fri Jan 1<sup>st</sup>: Senior Center Showcase (watercolor, acrylic, and photography at the Cheryl Sallee Gallery (808 9<sup>th</sup> St SE, M-F 8-5 and M-W to 9pm)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Evelyn Reingold,

Paul Hebron and Marsha Rollinger,

RMAC Secretary

RMAC Co-Chairs