



*Renton
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RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

February 3, 2015

Renton City Hall, 7th Floor –Conference Center

Members Present:

Marsha Rollinger, Jerri Everett, Mitch Shepherd, Paul Hebron, Bill Huls, Ben Andrews and Evelyn Reingold

Excused Absence: Jaris English

Staff Present: Elizabeth Higgins, RMAC Staff Liaison, Liz Stewart, Director Renton History Museum, John Collum, Department of Community and Economic Development, and Todd Black, Community Services Department, Parks Planning and Natural Resources Division, Landscape Architect

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by RMAC Co-Chair, Marsha Rollinger at 4:34 pm.

Introduction of Guests: Michelle Whiteley, Lynda Maybury, Communications and Social Media Specialist, Mary Clymer, Renton Artist, Janet Gillian, Janet Halford, Kim Patterson, WA State Commission on African American Affairs Staff Liaison, Kim Eshelman, Renton Artist, Wanda Hebron and Kelley Balcomb-Bartok, Valley Medical Marketing and Community Relations Manager. Several guests expressed interest in becoming RMAC members.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the January 06, 2015 RMAC meeting were read and accepted as submitted. (MSC) Marsha/Mitch

New Business:

- **Downtown Public Library Art Relocation** – Todd Black presented the new plan to move the “Stilt Walker” sculpture from its current location to near the front door of the new library entrance. This will place it in close proximity to “Homework Comes First” sculpture. Several questions were raised and Todd was requested to return with images of the proposed placements. In April KCLS will present the new art planned for inside the new library at the RMAC meeting.
- **RMAC 2015 Budget from City of Renton** – The allocation is \$2,900. (Same as 2014)
- **New Applications for “Make Art Happen” Grants - 1)** to promote documentary film featuring Renton’s Duwamish Tribe with photo licensing and technicians for post-production. **2)** PTSA for “Reflections Art Program”. RMAC action on the two grant applications will be tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business:

- **Summary of 2014 RMAC Grant Awards** – In 2014 ten (10) grants were awarded. One awardee did not use the 4Culture logo as stipulated in the award letter and \$500 of their \$1,000 grant was retained by the RMAC at the request of 4Culture.
- **“Emerging” Relocation Update** – Repairs by ArtTech are complete. New signage will be coordinated. The RMAC recommends an aluminum metal photo plate rather than the brass engraved plates that had been the standard used for signage. Confirmation that there is no problem with utilities is still pending.

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

- Liz Stewart, Director Renton History Museum, announced two Black History events: February 19, 2015, “The Message Behind the Music.” February 28, 2015, “Global Heat: Hip Hop, Soul Music and Dance.” She also stated that March 3-4, 2015 is “Arts Heritage Day” in Olympia. This is an opportunity for arts and culture organizations from all over WA State to meet with their legislators in Olympia. There is important legislation in HB 1425 that arts groups should address. The RMAC has participated in this all day event in the past. Elizabeth Higgins will send in our application and arrange van transportation.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- February 6, 2015, 6:00-9:00 pm: “An Eruption of Art in Renton” (Seven simultaneous art events between Liberty Café, Common Ground, Luther’s Table). Sponsored by Arts Unlimited
- February 7, 2015, 8:00 pm: Benefit Show for Dylan Avila and Simon Kaufman at the Renton Civic Theatre, for more information - (www.rentoncivictheatre.org)
- Closing February 7, 2015: “Newcastle: Little Giant of the Eastside”, exhibit at the Renton History Museum (235 Mill Ave S., Renton)
- “The King and I” - Renton Civic Theatre, for more information - (www.rentoncivictheatre.org)
- February 11, 2015, 7:00 pm: Arts Unlimited monthly meeting – Luther’s Table (419 S. Second St)
- February 13-28, 2015, “Five Women Wearing the Same Dress” at the Renton Civic Theatre, for more information - (www.rentoncivictheatre.org)
- February 17, 2015, 5:30 – 7:00 pm: Exhibit opening “Furry Friends: From Fads to Family” at the Renton History Museum (235 Mill Ave S.)
- February 24 2015, 6:30-8:00 pm: Allied Arts of Renton monthly meeting – Luther’s Table (419 S. Second St)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm.

Evelyn Reingold,
RMAC Secretary

Marsha Rollinger,
RMAC Vice-President