



RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

July 5, 2016

Renton City Hall, 7th Floor –Conference Center

Members Present:

Marsha Rollinger, Mary Clymer, Adrienne La Faye, Ben Andrews, Jerri Everett, Bill Huls , Neil Sheesley, Paul Hebron, Kimberly Eshelman , Mitch Shepherd , Aaron Blalack , and Evelyn Reingold

Excused Absence: Samantha Goetz-Granquist

Staff Present: Elizabeth Higgins, RMAC Staff Liaison ; John Collum, Department of Community and Economic Development; and Liz Stewart, Renton History Museum

Guests Present: Ashby Reed, Onyx Fine Arts; Doug and Sonja Kyes, Allied Arts; Cheryl Schewerman, Piazza; Peter Hartley, Arts Unlimited; Wanda Hebron, Arts Unlimited; Bill Taylor, Retired Renton Chamber of Commerce CEO; and Rick Lee, City of Renton

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by RMAC - Chair, Marsha Rollinger at 6:02 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the June 7, 2016 RMAC meeting were read and accepted.
MSC (Adrienne/Paul)

New Business:

- **Renton Art Center Project: Fall 2016** Paul Hebron gave a detailed presentation of an Arts Unlimited Arts Center proposed for downtown Renton. Arts Unlimited is a group of artists, business owners, and volunteers who have a common goal of building and connecting community through the arts. The center will be located at 724 S 3rd St, Unit A (formerly Western Wear). The facility has enough space (2,536 sq. ft.) for galleries, classrooms, receptions, and window displays.

One of the goals of the RMAC Master Plan relates to having adequate arts facilities in Renton. The owner has offered generous rental credit and lease options that are under consideration. Arts Unlimited is requesting \$8500 from the RMAC to support their efforts to secure this facility. **MSC** (Mitch/Mary) The RMAC agrees to support the Arts Unlimited Renton Art Center project through sponsorship and resources as available. (note: Paul and Kim abstained)

- **Outdoor Art Gallery** – Adrienne La Faye provided a more detailed cost estimate for a rotating art exhibit that would have large art, either 4'x10' or 6'x8', in the heart of downtown Renton at Logan and Smithers. It would be located on the east wall of the former Roxy Theatre. The art, installation and lighting would need a budget of approximately \$8800. **MSC** (Mitch/Mary) The RMAC agrees to support the Outdoor Art Gallery Galvanizing Art Project (GAP) through sponsorship and resources as available. (note: Paul and Kim abstained)

- **Film Frenzy** - Ben Andrews announced that the Film Frenzy will be held in the last week of October 2016. The Regal Cinema will host the film gala. There are no conflicts with the dates.

- **Pop-Up Downtown Renton** –John Collum, Department of Community and Economic Development invited the RMAC to participate in the National Parklet Day celebration on Friday, September 16, 2016. Our participation would involve creating and hosting a Pop-Up Parklet at 724 S 3rd St. (Cortona Building/Old City Hall) which is on the National Trust. The parklet would be the size of approximately one parking space. This would be a temporary one day installation on display from 12:00 – 9:00 pm to support the theme: “Arts in Downtown Renton”. Further discussion at our August meeting to determine how best to support this project.

- **2017-2018 Budget Presentation to City Council** – On June 27, 2016 the RMAC met to prioritize our budget requests for consistency with the Master Plan. Our final priorities were summarized into a “Galvanizing Art in Renton” 2017-2018 Proposed Budget by RMAC Staff Liaison, Elizabeth Higgins. A formal presentation will be made before the Renton City Council on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm. The RMAC presenters will be Marsha Rollinger, Chair; Mary Clymer, Vice-Chair; and Mitch Shepherd, RMAC member. Also presenting on our behalf from 4Culture will be: Jim Kelly, Exec. Dir. and Charlie Rathburn, Mgr. Local Arts Agency Network. Each RMAC member is encouraged to attend this important meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Evelyn Reingold,

Marsha Rollinger,

RMAC Secretary

Chair