

Bellingham Arts Commission Minutes

Tuesday, May 6, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

Mayor's Board Room

Commission Members Present: Alex Wiley, Denise Snyder, Shirley Erickson, Pearl Yewell, Curt Carpenter, AnMorgan Curry, David Meyer, Christopher Morrison, Jo Morgan, Cathy Gersich

Commission Members Absent: Debbie McCunn

Staff Members Present: Shannon Victoria Taysi, PCDD, Darby Galligan, PCDD

1. CALL TO ORDER

Arts Commission meeting was called to order by Alex Wiley, Chair

2. Introductions and Public Comment

Sheryl Davis from Allied Arts announced that Allied Arts would like to invite the Commissioners to a reception at "In the Kitchen" on Thursday evening at 5:30pm.

3. Presentations

Traffic Box Murals – Darby Galligan (item not on the agenda)

Darby was recently contacted by a student with a project idea. The proposal consists of coordinating a program that encourages artist to participate in the decoration of traffic boxes and utility boxes in the Right of Way. The program details would have to be refined. Darby wanted to get feedback from the Commission. The Commission is interested in learning more about the concept. Darby will contact the student and have him give a presentation to the Commission.

"State of the Park" update on Call - Jeni Cottrell, Big Rock Garden Liaison

Jeni gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting Big Rock Garden and its immediate maintenance needs.

4. Arts Commission Business

a) Approval of April 8, 2008 minutes

AnMorgan Curry moved and David Meyer Seconded the approval of the minutes. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

b) Update on WTA Sculpture – Darby

Darby gave a brief update on the WTA Sculpture project. Call closed April 15th; there were 50 submissions. She said the jury for the WTA Sculpture will be meeting on May 12, 2008. Ann Morgan, Chris, and Pearl will represent the Arts Commission on the jury. Final design due date will be bumped to the end of June.

c) Policies and Procedures – Darby

Darby has been working on the Arts Commission policies and procedures. She will be working with other departments to define overlapping jurisdictions. Once she has a more developed draft she will bring it to the Commission. She said at this time the policies/procedures will be excluding maintenance of the art. Maintenance is a large issue and should be developed separately.

d) Mayor's Arts Awards – Alex

The Arts Awards was a great event and went very smoothly. The Commission discussed the possibility of revamping the award ceremony and the nomination form. Shannon will work on drafting a new nomination form and work with the ITSD to see if we can make the nomination form electronic. The Commission discussed the idea of keeping the nomination open all year. Ultimately, the Arts Commission would like this event to be larger and more successful than it is currently.

e) June Arts Commission Business

**Traffic Box Murals
WTA Sculpture Final Selection**

Other Discussions:

Glass Panels

Shirley mentioned that Big Rock Garden may be interested in displaying the glass panels. Christopher said he had a discussion with Scott Blume on of the Museum Board regarding the panels as well. Christopher said Scott mentioned he would discuss this with the Board and see if there is interest. Shannon will send all the materials she has to Scott Blume.

% for the Arts

Christopher asked what the status of the percent for the art program. Alex said that based upon her conversations with Council members, it is not something that is going to move forward at this time. There was a discussion about the Commissioners taking a more active role in discussing the percent program with individuals and organizations so the interest grows beyond just the Arts Commission. The Commissioners will work on a short speech that is consistent and easy to relay and will capture the message the Commission would like to spread.

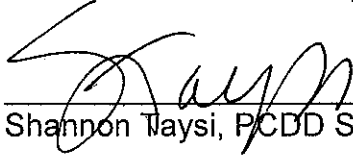
For the Good of the Order

Currently on display in Mindport's window is artwork done by Cathy Gersich's class.

Welding Rodeo is May 16th and 17th. Shirley is offering a "make your own jewelry" class on Saturday at 2pm in the "S" building.

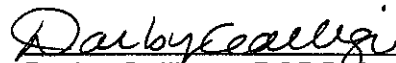
BELLINGHAM ARTS COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING (S): ADJOURNED: 7:35PM

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