

**Bellingham Arts Commission (BAC) Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Mayor's Board Room**

**Commission Members Present:** Christopher Morrison, Curt Carpenter, Denise Snyder, Shirley Erickson

**Commission Members Absent:** Debbie McCunn, David Meyer, Pearl Yewell, AnMorgan Curry, Alex Wiley

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

**Others Present:** Jenni Cottrell, Dominique Zervas

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Arts Commission meeting was called to order by Christopher Morrison, Vice-Chair

There was not a quorum for this meeting.

**2. Introductions and Public Comment**

There were no public comments

**3. Presentations**

There were no presentations scheduled.

**4. Arts Commission Business**

- a) Approval of January 6, 2009 Minutes

Due to the lack of a quorum, minutes could not be approved.

- b) Budget Update – Darby

Darby gave the Commission an update on the BAC budget. Due to global, national and local economic downturns, staff is making the recommendation to put the majority of the Commission's special projects on hold until there is more information regarding the City's budget. She said the recommendation is to fund the 2009 grants, Mayor's Arts Awards, Downtown Sounds and possibly the children's education project that Cathy is working on. All other special projects will be put on hold. The Commission agreed and understood the need for the hold on these funds at this time.

- c) Update on Policies and Procedures - Darby

The BAC policies and procedures have been finalized and approved by the policy review team and the Planning Director. She will be getting final approval from affected department heads. The code changes will be going before council on March 23, 2009.

- d) Membership Committee Interviews – Denise

Denise gave a recap of the membership committee meetings. Cathy, Denise and Pearl met with Trish Harding and Denise and Pearl met with Jo Morgan. Denise gave an overview of both candidates' strengths. She said based upon the interviews the membership committee felt that both would be strong candidates for the Commission. Shirley mentioned that Jo's participation had been limited in the past as an Arts Commission member. Denise mentioned that previously Jo had some difficulty with her hearing

and that has since been resolved. Kurt concurred with Shirley regarding Jo's level of participation. Denise and Christopher stated that Jo was very involved in the sub-committee meetings. Shannon said she had an application in the office for the membership committee to review and then interview the candidate. Once all candidates have been interviewed the membership committee can make their final recommendations to the Commission as a whole.

e) Rotating Art Show / Call for Art - Shannon

Shannon presented a call for art for a rotating art show to be displayed in the City Hall lobby. Details regarding the call still need to be refined. The Museum has offered to loan the BAC three of their vitrines. Each vitrine will hold a small sculpture. The call for art encourages artists from Whatcom County to apply although the call is available to all interested artists. Each sculpture will be on display for a period of six weeks. The show will end in early January of 2010. Shannon will send the call to the Commission for final review and feedback and will then prepare to have it published. The Commissioners felt this show will be a good opportunity for artists.

f) BAC activity handout – Shannon

Shannon presented a mock up of a handout the Commissioners will be able to distribute highlighting current and previous activities and events of the BAC. The idea is to have a postcard size handout that is easy to carry and handout to the public. Shannon said once the content is complete she will distribute the BAC for final approval and then production will begin. The Commission liked the draft handout.


**Agenda Items for the March Arts Commission Meeting**

City Hall Rotating Art Show Call for Art  
Whatcom Creek Salmon Art Trail  
Fountain Plaza

**5. For the Good of the Order & Announcements**

**BELLINGHAM ARTS COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING (S): ADJOURNED: 7:10PM**

Minutes prepared by:

  
Shannon Taysi, PCDD Staff

Minutes edited by:

  
Darby Galligan, PCDD Staff