

Bellingham Arts Commission (BAC) Minutes
Tuesday, May 5, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
Mayor's Board Room

Commission Members Present: Alex Wiley, Shirley Erickson, AnMorgan Curry, Denise Snyder, Christopher Morrison

Commission Members Absent: Cathy Gersich, Curt Carpenter, Pearl Yewell

Staff Members Present: Shannon Taysi, PCDD

Others Present: Rae Edwards, Parks and Recreation Department

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. Introductions and Public Comment

Alex Wiley introduced Rae Edwards.

3. Presentations

There were no presentations scheduled.

4. Arts Commission Business

a) Approval of March 31, 2009 Minutes

Shirley Erickson asked for the minutes be amended to state the subcommittee's recommendations for the Mayor's Arts Awards was to approve all the nominations. The subcommittee had asked if any other Commissioners had more information regarding one of the nominations.

Shirley Erickson moved and Denise Snyder seconded the approval of the March 31, 2009 minutes with the amendment. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

b) Repair / Maintenance Of Lipchtziana at Big Rock Garden – Rae Edwards/Shirley Erickson

Shirley gave a brief description of the current condition of Lipchtziana. The paint has chipped and rusted in several spots on the artwork. Shirley has identified a powder coater that is willing to re-powder coat the artwork for \$1000.00. Big Rock Garden has \$500.00 to contribute towards the maintenance and needs an additional \$500.00. The Commission is needs to decide if they would like to contribute \$500.00 using the arts budget.

AnMorgan Curry moved and Denise Snyder seconded the approval of \$500.00 of the municipal arts fund to assist in the maintenance of Lipchtziana. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

c) Conservator Maintenance Information – Shannon Taysi / Rae Edwards

Shannon said she wanted to take this opportunity to review with the Commissioners the artwork that is listed as high priority for maintenance and repair by Linda Roundhill, a conservator hired to assess the collection. The purpose of this review is to make them aware of the status of the collection and to begin thinking about logical next steps with the collection. Rae Edwards oversees the Big Rock collection and

had an update regarding the Big Rock sculptures and status on the conservator's recommendations. Rae discussed each piece identified as a priority on the report. She and her team have been able to do some of the minor maintenance themselves. Some of the maintenance and repair will have to be done by a professional. Shannon is going to create a maintenance worksheet to document maintenance when it occurs. Shannon said the priority pieces in the rest of the collection have not been addressed other than "Days go By". She explained this is a starting point for a much larger project. It is her goal to have a draft maintenance plan put together by the July meeting. There was a lengthy discussion about deaccessioning artwork and alternatives to deaccessioning. The Commission agrees this is a large topic that needs further clarification and refining.

d) City Hall Rotating Sculpture Show – Shannon

Shannon gave a powerpoint presentation identifying the sculptures selected by the jury for the City Hall Sculpture Show. The show was extended by six weeks due to the volume of submittals and quality of artwork. The first exhibit will be installed on June 1, 2009.

5. For the Good of the Order & Announcements

Shirley mentioned she had recently attend the Cultural Congress. She highlighted some of the topics and statistics discussed.

Christopher went to the Flow Project presentation.

It was mentioned the Commission might want give the powerpoint presentation of the Arts and Economic Prosperity study to Council again since there are new Council members and a new Mayor since the last time the presentation was given.

BELLINGHAM ARTS COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING (S): ADJOURNED: 8:15PM

Minutes prepared by:



Shannon Taysi, PCDD Staff