

**Bellingham Arts Commission (BAC) Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 5, 2010, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Mayor's Board Room**

**Commission Members Present:** Alex Wiley, Shirley Erickson, Christopher Morrison, AnMorgan Curry, Denise Snyder, Debbie McCunn, Trish Harding, Marisa Papetti, Jeni Cotrell, Jennifer Newman

**Commission Members Absent:** Pearl Yewell

**Staff Members Present:** Darby Galligan, PCDD, Janice Keller, Mayor's Office

**Others Present:** Kelly Hart, Allied Arts

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **2. Introductions and Public Comment**

Alex Wiley introduced Janice Keller and Kelly Hart.

### **3. Arts Commission Business**

- a) Approval of November 3, 2009 Minutes

***Motion issued and seconded to approve minutes. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.***

- b) New Member Introductions

- Jenni Cottrell – Big Rock liaison and now BAC member
- Jennifer Newman – WWU 2007 – Poly Sci/Art Hist; UW Museum Studies; Probation Officer; Curator – Heritage Flight Museum (familiar with de-accession regs)
- Marisa Papetti – Co-owner of Fifth on Sixth / Bus. Dev. – promotes artists; ad coordinator for Cascadia Weekly
- Trish Harding – prior BAC member; plein air artist; teacher; owns studio and displays work at Studio UFO in Bay Street Village Building

- c) Sub-Committee Assignments.

There was discussion about whether the committee categories should be changed. Because there is not a grant program for 2010, the grants committee will be expanded to include general financial concerns (including exploring the possibility of fundraising. Each member volunteered for a minimum of 1 committee.

- d) Mayor's Arts Awards – Mar. 24, Walton Theatre (Mt. Baker); public nominations are closed but committee can still nominate. Will bring back final recommendations to the committee of the whole for the next meeting. Committee members: Denise Snyder, Trish Harding, Marisa Papetti, and Jennifer Newman. Alex Wiley to host.

- e) City Hall Rotating Sculpture Show

Darby notified the commission that the rotating art show ends at the beginning of February. The commissioners expressed an interest in continuing the show for 2010. Staff will check with the Museum to make sure the display cases can continue to be used.

- f) Maintenance update

Darby stated that there was damage to the Birch Circle piece, which is part of the Velocity art show, due to vandalism. The juveniles were apprehended and City Atty will recommend community service/repairs/maintenance. Four Ages of the Sea is currently being repaired by the artist; additional damage was discovered to the canoe; recommendation that the task order be amended to include this work. There has been some difficulty with inter-departmental communication re responsibility for maintenance. Darby sent an email to department heads asking them to remind their staff that the BAC is ultimately responsible for managing and maintaining the collection.

#### 4. Presentations

- a) Sebastian Exhibit update – Janice Keller/COB & Kelly Hart/Allied Arts
  - Feb. 12, 2010; Sneak Preview/Party; 65-10 p.m.; \$30 per person; also Olympics & will have big screen tv with opening show; 2107 Iron Street (at Kentucky, behind Hardware Sales)
  - WA Tourism Grant – for out of county advertising
  - Will (probably) allow public to view at warehouse prior to setup
  - Actual exhibit (outdoors around library/city hall area) will run approx. March thru October
  - 14 pieces. Will return to the BAC for final approval once proposed locations are more defined.
- b) Arts Day 2010 – Kelly Hart/Allied Arts: Feb. 2, 2010; private charter bus to State Capitol/Olympia; Arts Day Celebration **AND** opportunity for arts advocates/art lovers-supporters/interested persons to meet and talk with district legislators. Opportunity for big impact. Contact [Kelly@alliedarts.org](mailto:Kelly@alliedarts.org) or 6768548, ext. 4, for more info/RSVP. Tickets \$45/50 for members/non-members.

#### 5. Agenda Items for next Arts Commission Meeting – February 2, 2010 (6:30, to allow for return from Olympia trip)

- a) Budget / Action Plan
  - \$20,000 for 2010
  - The BAC recommended that the budget be as follows: \$4k administration (20%), \$1,500k for Mayor's Arts Awards; \$500 for City Hall Rotunda Art; \$10k for maintenance; \$4,000k set aside for contingency.
- b) Approve Mayor's Arts Awards recipients recommendation from committee
- c) Salmon Art Trail update (invite Wendy Scherrer)
- d) Special project – Defining art collection (Jennifer Newman offered to work with AnMorgan on beginning this work in 2010)

#### 6. For the Good of the Order & Announcements

- a) Interpretive Signs are being replaced at Maritime – 8<sup>th</sup> graders' new art. Grant funding. BAC stated they do not need to review this since it is repair / replacement.
- b) Dominique reported re Center for Self Reliance – update, and Little Squalicum Park Master Plan update and presentation coming to BAC

**BELLINGHAM ARTS COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING (S): ADJOURNED 8:00 PM**

Minutes prepared by:

  
Darby Galligan, PCDD Staff