

**Bellingham Arts Commission (BAC) Minutes**  
**Tuesday May 4, 2010, 6:00 PM**  
**Mayor's Board Room**

**Commission members Present:** Alex Wiley, Jeni Cotrell, Shirley Erickson, Debbie McCunn, Marisa Papetti, Pearl Yewell, Denise Snyder

**Commission Members Absent:** Trish Harding, Christopher Morrision, AnMorgan Curry, Jennifer Newman

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

**Others Present:** Dominique Zervas-Foley – Parks Board Liaison

### **1. Call to Order**

Arts Commission meeting was called to order by Alex Wiley, Chair. Darby Galligan said that agenda item to "Discussion of the Public Artwork Collection" will be postponed until June due to the fact that Jennifer Newman and AnMorgan Curry will not be attending tonight's meeting.

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

There were no public comments or introductions.

### **3. Presentations**

#### **a) Artwork Proposal – Jeni Cotrell**

Jeni Cotrell is proposing a one day installation to be located at the corner of Commercial and W. Champion. The artwork is 22" x 7' and is hand woven black cotton warp and orange plastic. The piece will be tied around the trunk of a tree at the installation site. The artwork is meant to provoke conversation and thought about public art. Jeni is requesting to install the artwork on either May, 5th, July 1st or July 4th of this year.

***Denise Snyder moved and Shirley Erickson seconded the approval of the installation.***

There was a discussion regarding the approval process of public art and the role of the BAC in ensuring the process is followed and that the artwork being recommended to the Mayor is consistent with the Commission's goals for the collection.

***All in favor of the proposed installation with the installation date to be July 1, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **4. Arts Commission Business**

#### **a. Approval of March 2, 2010 Minutes**

***Shirley Erickson moved and Marisa Papetti seconded the approval of the March 2, 2010 minutes. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.***

#### **b. Maintenance of Salmon Woman Totem – Darby Galligan**

Mike McRory has volunteered to do maintenance on the Salmon Woman Totem along with help from the Parks Department. Mike has asked if the BAC would cover the cost of any materials needed for the repair. He anticipates the cost of materials will not exceed \$200.00.

***Marisa Papetti moved and Denise Snyder seconded the approval of covering the cost of materials needed to repair Salmon Woman Totem. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.***

d. Location of Watershed Bell – Darby Galligan

Darby said that she has met with Parks staff and Ann Morris to try and determine the location of the preliminarily approved Watershed Bell sculpture. She presented a map that identified five potential sites along the Salmon Art trail. They are numbered in order of preference. Darby asked if there was anything that Ann Morris could provide to the Commission prior to returning for final approval of the artwork donation. Some members asked to see more images of the artwork. They also would like clarification on the mallet and how it will be attached, if it is going to be attached. They would also like details on how the artwork will be secured.

## **5. Other Business**

### **Recap of the Mayor's Arts Awards**

The Mayor's Arts Award ceremony was held at the Mount Baker Theatre for the first time. There were approximately 130 attendees this year. Some suggested changes for next year were:

- To have the food set up in the lobby of the theatre.
- Encourage the awardees to bring information about themselves, shows, etc..

Alex mentioned that the theatre offered next year to provide theatre tours to the awardees, their friends and family members prior to the reception.

### **Discussion of City Hall Rotating Sculpture Show**

The City Hall Rotating Sculpture Show is currently on display. This is the second series of installations. There was a discussion on ways to highlight the show. Some suggestions were:

- A press release each time the show changes
- Include City Hall in gallery walk
- Create posters
- Send Marisa the link for her to distribute to press

Additionally, where the artists are from will be added to the power point presentation.

### **Temporary Sculpture Pads**

Darby mentioned the Commission might want to consider keeping some of the installation pads where the Sebastian exhibit is currently on display. The Sebastian show will end in October. The BAC could consider using some of the pads to do another "VELoCITY" show or perhaps something different. Marisa, Denise and Shirley volunteered to assess the sites and bring back a recommendation to the Commission.

### **“Our Time” Sculpture by Weston Lambert**

Shannon said that Weston has offered to keep his sculpture, located on the corner of Flora and Grand, installed for a two year period if the City is interested. The Commission is interested but would want a time limit put on the extension. Shannon will look into what the City needs to do legally to allow this extension.

### **Fountain Plaza Grant**

Darby said there is a grant opportunity to receive funding to assist with a redesign of the Fountain Plaza. She is asking if the Commission would be interested in signing a letter in support of this grant. The Commission is in support. Alex will sign the letter on behalf of the BAC.

### **Misc.**

Upright Observation Table has been repaired. It is believed Cascade Joinery did the work on their own. Shannon is verifying who did the maintenance. Alex wanted to make sure that the City keeps track of the volunteer labor and donated materials that are being received to help maintain the collection. Shannon will work on tracking and reporting this information.

## **6. Agenda Items for next Arts Commission Meeting**

Discussion regarding the Public Art Collection  
Final approval of “Prayer Wheel”  
Final approval of “Watershed Bell”

## **7. For the Good of the Order & Announcements**

Big Rock show is this weekend, Mother’s Day  
Shirley Erickson had a write up in the Herald recently

**Meeting Adjourned**