

**Bellingham Arts Commission (BAC) Minutes**  
**Tuesday December 7, 2010, 6:00 PM**  
**Mayor's Board Room**

**Commission members Present:** Alex Wiley, Marisa Papetti, Christopher Morrision, Jeni Cottrell, Shirley Erickson, Denise Snyder, AnMorgan Curry, Debbie McCunn

**Commission Members Absent:** Trish Harding

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

**Others Present:**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Introductions and Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**3. Presentations**

There were no presentation.

**4. Arts Commission Business**

**a) Approval of October 5, 2010 minutes and November 2, 2010 minutes**

*Denise Snyder moved and Jeni Cottrell seconded the approval of the October 5, 2010 minutes. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.*

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**b) Arts and Economic Prosperity Study – Shannon Taysi**

The Commission had previously approved to participate in the American for the Arts, Arts and Economic Prosperity study. When Shannon presented this to the Commission she had indicated the cost of to participate in the study was \$4500.00. She has since learned that for the study to encompass the entire county it will cost \$7500.00. She said fortunately, Whatcom Community Foundation has agreed to contribute \$2000.00 towards the study and Bellingham/Whatcom Tourism Bureau is contributing \$1000.00. These two contributions off set the additional expense. Shannon explained she need to get approval from the Commission for the entire \$7500.00 in case the additional funding falls through for one reason of another. She said she didn't anticipate that happening.

*Shirley Erickson moved and Denise Snyder seconded the approval of funding the study for \$7500.00. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.*

**c) 2011 Action Plan – Shannon Taysi**

Shannon said the Commission needs to start thinking about their 2011 action plan. Alex recommended the Commission review the 2010 action plan and come to January's meeting with edits and additions to the plan.

**d) Mayor's Arts Awards Date – Shannon Taysi**

Shannon asked the Commissioners if they had a preference on date for this years Mayor's Arts Awards. Last year the event was held in March when it is typically held in April. Wednesdays tend to be the best day of the week for it to be held. The Commissioners were open to March or April. There was a discussion regarding location. The Commissioners would prefer if the event was held at the Whatcom Museum of History and Art versus the Mount Baker Theatre.

**e) 2D Sculpture Show in Lobby of City Hall - Shirley Erickson**

Shirley would like the Commission to pursue the idea of having a 2 dimensional exhibit in the lobby of City Hall. The Commission has discussed the possibility of this type of exhibition before however the lobby presents some display challenges. AnMorgan Curry suggested to display the artwork on large "frames" made out of plywood and multiple pieces of artwork could be displayed on each of these frames. The Commission will continue investigating the possibility of having an exhibit in 2011.

**5. Agenda Items for January 4, 2011 Meeting**

Christopher Morrison suggested next months meeting be moved to Wednesday since everyone will be just getting back from Holiday. The Commission agreed the meeting date can be moved to January 5, 2011. Shannon will change and publish.

Discussion items for January will be:

Mayor's Arts Awards Sub-Committee  
2011 Action Plan  
Comprehensive discussion regarding next steps with the collection

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

Jeni Cottrell mentioned she didn't feel there was enough publicity for the Alexander Ardakov piano concert. Other members of the Commission agreed. Shannon said in the past when the BAC has given money for grants, staff has not monitored the publicity. She said perhaps next opportunity to fund an event or activity the Commission can discuss publicity strategies they would recommend.

**Parks Board Update – Dominique Zervas**

- Geoff Middaugh is the new Parks Board Chair.
- The Greenway Strategic Plan Update was discussed with Council.
- The Hearing Examiner will be reviewed the Overwater Walkway proposal on November 16<sup>th</sup>. There are some citizens concerned with the environmental review.
- The Mayor has made an offer to the bank to purchase Chuckanut Ridge, he has given the bank a deadline to respond.

**Meeting Adjourned**