

Bellingham Arts Commission (BAC) Minutes
February 1, 2011, 6:00 PM
Mayor's Board Room

Commission Members Present: Christopher Morrison, Jeni Cottrell, Denise Snyder, AnMorgan Curry, Trish Harding, Shirley Erickson, Marisa Papetti

Commission Members Absent: Alex Wiley, Debbie McCunn

Staff Members Present: Shannon Taysi, PCDD

1. Call to Order

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

2. Introductions and Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. Presentations

There were no presentations.

4. Arts Commission Business

Approval of December 7, 2010 Arts Commission Minutes

Denise Snyder moved and Marisa Papetti seconded the approval of the December 7, 2010 minutes. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of January 5, 2011 Arts Commission Minutes

Marisa said she is listed as present at the January meeting but did not attend.

Denise Snyder moved and Trish Harding seconded the approval of the January 5, 2011 minutes with the amendment that Marisa Papetti was absent. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

“Hope” by Emory Scott – Proposed Sculpture Donation – Collections Sub-Committee

The sub-committee met and discussed the proposed sculpture donation entitled “Hope”. After careful consideration they determined they would recommend postponing any decision to accept this donation until after their assessment of the entire outdoor sculpture collection. Shannon will draft a letter thanking the donor and let the donor know the Commission will reconsider this artwork towards the end of this year or early next year.

AnMorgan Curry moved and Marisa Papetti seconded the decision to postpone considering this donation until after the assessment of the current collection. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Arts Awards - Shannon Taysi

Shannon said the Mayor's Arts Awards sub-committee met and have provided their final recommendations for approval for the entire Commission to review. The Commission reviewed the list and decided they would like to see Pearl and George Yewells' nomination added as well as Ann Morris's nomination added.

Denise Snyder moved and AnMorgan Curry seconded the approval of adding Pearl and George Yewell to the list of recommended awardees as well as Ann Morris. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

2011 Action Plan Final Draft - Shannon Taysi

Shannon went through the 2011 action plan and highlighted a few changes and additions. She said the primary addition was the Commission will hold a fundraiser or raise some funds in 2011.

Miscellaneous Updates - Shannon Taysi

Shannon mentioned that Allied Arts has begun surveying for the Arts and Economic Prosperity Study and would like the Commission to assist in collecting survey information at events. She handed out packets of materials to each Commissioner so they could be prepared to help.

Shannon also said she heard from Public Works regarding the installation of Tony Hermanutz's "Tree" sculpture. The location being considered, where "Ingress" currently is on display, concerns Public Works due to the fact there is a water main below that site and Tony's sculpture is quite heavy. They fear if the foundation were to fail underneath the sculpture the potential damage to the water main is high. Shannon said the Commission should consider other sites and she can investigate the viability.

Lastly, Shannon said the Commission has most likely read the controversy regarding the "Coffee Cup Sculpture" to be placed outside of the Woods Coffee building. She wanted to clarify the image the Bellingham Herald printed was just a proposal and isn't an accurate rendition of where the sculpture would be sited. As the City understands it, the sculpture would be placed on private property and not on public right-of-way, as it appears in the newspaper. Additionally, if the sculpture were to be placed in the right-of-way, Woods Coffee's owner has been made aware of the necessary process involved which would include review by the Arts Commission.

5. For the Good of the Order

Pickford Film Center is having a soft opening / thank you gathering on February 27. They will be showing the Oscars at this event. Tickets are \$150 a person.

Blue Horse Café is open.

Friday night is art walk.

Mindport has hired John Ito as their new exhibit designer.

Meeting Adjourned