

Bellingham Arts Commission (BAC) Minutes
April 5, 2011, 6:00 PM
Mayor's Board Room

Commission members Present: Alex Wiley, Christopher Morrision, Jeni Cottrell, Denise Snyder, AnMorgan Curry, Trish Harding, Shirley Erickson, Marisa Papetti

Commission Members Absent:

Staff Members Present: Shannon Taysi, PCDD

1. Call to Order

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

2. Introductions and Public Comment

Alex asked the presenters to introduce themselves. Ray Ballweg, Steve Wilson, Donna Auer and Ellen Clark all introduced themselves.

3. Presentations

Fairhaven Rose Garden - Steve Wilson

Steve Wilson, a member of the Center for Local Self Reliance (CLSR), gave some background on the Fairhaven Rose Garden. Steve explained the future purpose of the garden will be to be a teaching / community style garden. The CLSR has done several improvements on the existing caretakers house on the property. Most of the improvements have been internal aside from the roof being replaced. They are considering painting the exterior of the building in the near future and wanted the Arts Commissions opinion on a color scheme for the building. Additionally, he said he would like the Commissions feedback on signage. The Commission felt the building should be painted a bright color so that it doesn't just blend into the environment. Steve mentioned that they were considering a bright color as well. He also mentioned that they were considering affixing some sort of artwork along the fence that runs along Chuckanut. The Commission recommended they do a general call for art if that is the direction they pursue. Shannon mentioned that once the CLSR gets closer to finalizing some ideas they will need to bring the Commission for approval. She said she can give guidance on the call for art if the group needs assistance. The Commission was supportive and enthusiastic about the overall project.

Children's Art Walk - Ellen Clark

Ellen Clark said she is assisting Allied Arts with Children's Art Walk this year and has come to the Commission to get volunteers for the jury.

South Hill Neighborhood Signs - Ray Ballweg and Donna Auer

Donna Auer designed the artwork for the proposed South Hill neighborhood signs. She gave a brief history of how she developed the design. Ray Ballweg said the proposed signs have been approved by the neighborhood. He said Public Works has approved three of the four proposed locations for the signs. There was a consensus from the Commission that since the neighborhood is supportive they were supportive as well. The only suggestion was to consider using red lettering instead of the proposed blue lettering.

Shirley Erickson moved and Marisa Papetti seconded the approval of the proposed South Hill neighborhood signs with the consideration of the lettering color being changed if the neighborhood supports the idea. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

4. Arts Commission Business

Big Rock Committee Update - Jeni Cottrell

- The jury selected 9 sculptures for the Mother's Day show at Big Rock Garden. The event will be on May 8, 2011 from 1pm - 4pm.
- The Committee reviewed the proposed sculpture donation of a David Marshall sculpture. The Committee recommended approval of the sculpture and the proposed signage.
- Jeni mentioned that the Big Rock Committee would like to participate in the final decisions, if any, that might be made by the Arts Commission regarding removal of artwork from Big Rock Garden.

Parks Board Update - Dominique Zervas

- The Parks Department is looking into getting playground equipment for Maritime Heritage Park.
- Parks Board reviewed the proposed sculpture donation of a David Marshall sculpture. The Board was in support of the donation.

Jury Process for Existing Outdoor Sculpture Collection

The Commission has had previous discussions regarding the best way to evaluate the current outdoor sculpture collection. It was decided the Commission would jury the collection. Shannon has prepared a PowerPoint with images of all the sculptures in the collection. Additionally, each Commission member received images in hardcopy of each sculpture. The Commission used criteria outlined in their policies as a starting point for review as well as:

History and Relevance
Current Location
Scale (as it relates to location)
Interactive (physically/emotionally)
Publicly appreciated

After their initial evaluation the Commission selected the following 12 pieces for further review: Volatus , Garden Vessel, 10 Steel Salmon going to Salmon Woman, Twining, Sun Mask, Intuition Free, Eve, Adam, Ancestor's Path, Garden Basin, Sap, Zoe Garden Wall.

Each of these pieces will be looked at more carefully at the next Arts Commission meeting.

5. For the Good of the Order

Meeting Adjourned