

Bellingham Arts Commission (BAC) Minutes
October 4, 2011 6:30 PM
Mayor's Board Room

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

Commission Members Absent:

Staff Members Present: Shannon Taysi, PCDD

1. Call to Order

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

2. Introductions and Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. Presentations

There were no presentations.

4. Arts Commission Business

New Member Sub-Committee Report

The membership sub-committee met and interviewed Gabriel Miles and Mike Smith. After careful review and consideration, the sub-committee is recommending to the Commission as a whole, that both candidates be recommended to the Mayor for appointment.

Shirley Erickson moved and Marisa Papetti seconded the recommendation to appoint Gabriel Miles to the Arts Commission. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Shirley Erickson moved and Marisa Papetti seconded the recommendation to appoint Mike Smith to the Arts Commission. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Parks Board Update

There was no Parks Board update.

Big Rock Update

Jeni said the Big Rock Committee has become a less formal committee and is operating as the Friends of Big Rock. She said they are advocates for the park and will be looking to the BAC to be more involved in activities that typically the Big Rock Committee ran themselves. The annual Mother's Day event at Big Rock in 2012 will need to be discussed and the BAC needs to consider the direction they would like to take next year. It was discussed that next year be more of a garden party than a sculpture event. The Commission discussed different

options and themes to support this idea. There was a discussion of using live or temporary sculptures for this event such as topiaries or ice sculptures. It was decided a sub-committee would meet prior to the next meeting to discuss options for the Mother's Day event at Big Rock and bring those ideas back to the Commission for review.

Jeni also mentioned that George Drake may potentially be proposing a David Marshall exhibit in the park sometime in April of 2012. The BAC will review a proposal if it comes forward.

Clarification on process

The Commission had asked that Shannon discuss with the City's legal department the City's authority over the public sculpture. The results of her findings are as follows:

Moving sculpture from one location to another

The City has the right to move sculpture that is under City ownership. The City will make a documented attempt to inform the artist of any sculpture relocation in advance of a change. Proper steps outlined in the BAC policies and procedures will be followed. Contracted, site specific sculptures will be discussed on a case by case bases. All contracts will be reviewed prior to any initial steps and action.

Removing sculpture from the collection

The City has the right to deaccession artwork from its' collection. The City will make a documented attempt to inform the artist in advance that a sculpture is going to be removed. The City will following the surplus process documented in the BMC under title(s) 4.84.010 and 4.86.090. All contracts will be reviewed prior to any initial steps and action.

Reproducing images for sale to the public

The Commission had discussed promoting the outdoor collection by creating postcards or other printed material for sale to the public. Legal advised that under the copyright laws this is not a possibility.

The Commission also had questions about establishing a 501c3 under Allied Arts to take in donations and hold any fundraising monies. The Legal Department advised that a fund be established through the City's Finance Department and not through a non-profit.

Vandalized Artwork

Shannon mentioned that "Variation on a Sphere" has been vandalized and has been removed from Big Rock Garden until it can be repaired. She is working to find someone who can do the repair. "Dirty Dan" has been tagged recently and needs cleaning. "Watershed Bell" also has been vandalized. The Parks Department has been able to repair the tool that rings the bell which has been removed on multiple occasions. If this part continues to be removed Shannon will discuss with the artist alternate solutions.

Approval of June 7, 2011 and August 2, 2011 Minutes

Denise Snyder moved and Marisa Papetti seconded the approval of the June 7, 2011 minutes. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Denise Snyder moved and Marisa Papetti seconded the approval of the August 2, 2011 minutes. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Items for November Meeting

- Invite Thor Myhre to discuss R.A.R.E.
- Invite Kelly Hart to give a status on the Arts and Economic Prosperity Study

Meeting Adjourned