

February 9, 2022

Members Present: Darlene Klister, Terry MacDonald, Todd Young, Zachary Wight, Betsy Humphrey, Laura Hamilton

Staff Present: Jonn Lunsford

Guests Present: Bill Collins, Betty Connor

Called to order at: 4:05pm

Minutes: Approved January 12th, 2022 meeting minutes with two changes to grammar and clarification.

Public comments: None

Guest Introduction: Bill Collins is an artist that has been in the area for about 3 years. He is previously from West Virginia and moved to be closer to family on Vancouver Island. He has worked in chainsaw wood carving in West Virginia and is now doing driftwood sculptures more as a hobby. Bill likes for people to enjoy his work and often gives them as gifts. He is attending to see what the board does and consider joining.

Betty Connor is interested in the commission. She has a piece in the 98221 gallery currently. Betty has done textile art previously and is now doing acrylic nature paintings. She has been here 12 years, coming from Alaska. She is a University of Washington volunteer for Ship Harbor beach and also a guide for the Sierra Club in Oregon, Washington, Hawaii and Alaska.

Jonn mentioned that Diane Marr, who was a guest last month, has submitted an application for the board. He spoke about the talent bank for other members that want to join board. This is the process for consideration by the Arts board and mayor for selection.

MOA - Status of Money determination: Darlene spoke with Lisa about this, and a new email was sent on January 27th with Lisa's information and proposed breakdown. Discussion ensued about the history of the account and the desire and need to straighten out previous amounts between the City and Arts Commission. The board agreed to review Lisa's email for the next meeting and be prepared to vote so the City can finalize the MOA.

Q'elech'ilhch Park: Jonn spoke about working with the Samish nation and tribal staff on the development of the park and showcasing Samish art and history. There has been no formal meeting about art at the park and Terry clarified that the Commission will work alongside the Samish to support their art but it will be guided by the Samish nation.

Bobo Sculpture Signage: Betsy and Laura have given Jonn their edits and feedback for the signs. Jonn has been unable to connect with Brad at Sign Dog but he is hoping to get this done soon. Betsy and Laura are hoping for a public gathering as the weather gets better to wrap up the project and officially dedicate it.

Collaboration with Senior Center: There is no update on this project, everyone agrees to wait until Covid calms. Karl may be coming to one of the Arts commission meetings to speak about this.

Creative District Project: Todd and Terry attended a meeting about this project. The group is looking at getting the application done before June 1st. They are in the process of gathering grants and speaking with the public for support. Laura asked about the original video for new board members to watch to get an idea of the goal of the project. All information is available at www.arts.wa.gov. There are many steps that must be taken, and the group is always looking for help.

98221 Gallery Show: Traffic is starting to pick up at city hall and Terry will start working on increasing publicity. She is hoping for an April reception for the first Friday Art Walk. Jonn said the city would support this as Covid has calmed and mandates are relaxing. Terry would like to do another show, to go up the first of June.

Madrone Grove Sculpture Garden: We need to get the call to artists out if a summer show is wanted. Betsy and Jonn will meet about the schedule after Jonn speaks with city staff about the best time with the potential timeline of a June install. Todd asked about an official opening event. This has been done previously but covid has slowed showings. Windermere will have a showing for their customers. Betsy asked about Memorial benches for sculpture park, Jonn will chat with Nicole about this. Betsy also asked about the old sculpture signs and getting them taken down, Jonn will take care of this.

Public Art Listing: Zack spoke about the project in coordination with Laura and Lisa. The spreadsheet listing is done, but the next step is to decide the order of the art to be listed in the guide. Laura and Betsy will work together to get this handled.

Delivery of Agenda earlier: Lisa spoke with Darlene and said getting the minutes and agenda earlier would be helpful to prepare. The board is asking for delivery two weeks in advance. Jonn and Darby will look at the potential for this.

Other business: Todd spoke about the AMP's physical publication, "Show Chime". Each month features an artist showcased on the cover. He is wondering about asking the commission for recommendations of local artists. Discussion continued about collaboration between the Arts Commission and Anacortes Music Project.

Zack spoke about the Rick Epting Arts foundation and hosting a showing at the Depot, showcasing women artists of Anacortes. The foundation has lots of volunteers to help with set up and is asking for the Arts Commission to sponsor the depot. The board expressed support for the partnership and show but is asking for a written proposal with details of what is needed and expected from the commission members. Zack will ask Linda Lipke about getting more information within the next couple weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm

The NEXT MEETING will be held on Wednesday, March 9th, 2022, at 4:00 PM, virtually.

Respectfully submitted by: Darby Jordan