

March 9, 2022

Members Present: Laura Hamilton, Zachary Wright, Lisa Rhodes, Terry MacDonald

Staff Present: Jonn Lunsford

Guests Present: Linda Lipke, Clarity Miller, Betty Conner

Call to order at: 4:05pm

Minutes: Approved February 9th, 2022 meeting minutes with no changes

Public comment: None

Introductions-Betty Conner was at the previous meeting

Clarity Miller-Joining us to see what the committee is about. She is also on the board for Anacortes Music Project and was recommended by Todd Young to see about this board and a collaboration.

MOA - Status of Money determination: Lisa stated that the board is looking at a 70/30 split with the City. Jonn will meet with Darcy and finalize the details.

Mural Project Proposal: Luuk was not at meeting at this time, but the board has seen the proposal. The issues are agreement from West Marine, cost for project and process. Zack spoke about the details of the back of Marine Hardware as that wall is just plain and brown. The idea is a sea serpent with the island being parts of its back. The timeline is to be during the Arts Festival. Luuk is asking for financial support and support in proposing this to the building owner. There has been no specific amount proposed yet. The board expressed interested and is supportive.

Luuk joined the meeting at this point and spoke about the history of the project and the festival. He was advised to gather support of the many art groups in the community. He has not approached Marine Hardware as he was advised to approach them in a more professional capacity once support was formalized. He suggested that he would like to start the week prior to the Arts Festival and then complete it during the festival. He is open to having volunteers and would like to involve the museum due to the history involved. He gave a rough estimate of 10 days, with a total of 40-60 hours or more, the cost of supplies, rental of scaffolding or boom lift gives a total of \$5,000-\$10,000. The wall is 136 feet long and 16 feet tall. Luuk spoke of Bill Mitchell who was the original mural historian of Anacortes. He would like to pay tribute to Bill and collaborate with the history museum. The Board is in agreement that they would like to support this and are asking for specifics. Laura spoke about the process and prep work and timing, expressing concern about the scope of the project and amount of time until the Festival. Luuk acknowledged that this is an ambitious project and will gather some firm numbers. Lisa spoke about ways to help with fundraising and supporting the project.

REFA-Women's Art Show Collaboration Request: Linda was in attendance and spoke about having a women in arts, juried invitational. She is looking at May 7th and 14th, with an opening event on the 6th. This would be for 98221 residents, giving an opportunity for women to show their art. 20% of commission would go to youth art in the community. She is requesting Depot rental for show dates, and possible insurance. It would be a partnership with Epting Foundation and would be run through their foundation account. Linda expressed she would like to see more art shows at the Depot. She is open to volunteers.

Jonh asked a few questions about dates and mentioned that the Arts Festival is looking at the same dates for their youth art show. Lisa said she wanted to hang art on the 5th, but is open to others using the space during that time. Jonh noted that four days is about \$2000 in a rental donation. He asked for clarification on where the funds will be donated. Board is in support of the project.

Q'elech'ilhch Park: The Samish tribe has been involved in talks with the Port about the area, and about planting and invasive species on the site. Work is starting for a temporary sign with a link to the Samish site via QR code. The Samish sign committee works with the City regarding signs around town and will be involved in this process. The Samish Department of Natural Resources has determined that all plants down there are invasive. Chief Wooten has asked about replacing with all original plants. The Samish are considering what they would like to bring for art on the site.

98221 Gallery Show, First Friday Art Walk: April 1st, 6-8pm, with 5 or 6 artists/galleries participating. The cost will be \$45 to participate, made to Scott Milo gallery for advertising. Terry shared that there have been a lower number of visitors due to Covid, but we still want to celebrate the artists. There have been several sales and we have added signs for art locations and purchasing. Darby will be at the Art Walk to handle any sales. We need food, drinks and nametags. Terry will send out details and sign ups. The next show will be a bit different with an invitation for all current artists to participate, then opening to other juried artists.

Madrona Grove Sculpture Garden: Betsy not in attendance

Public Art Listing-This is underway with 25 public art pieces plotted on the map. It seems there are missing descriptions of the art, titles and value. Terry had a notebook containing photos and descriptions that was given to Betsy which could be potentially helpful. Zack has some photos from Marius already and will need to match them to the art. Discussion continued about value and insurance.

Other business: Lisa asked about the Bobo signs. Jonh said that the main sign is up but we are still waiting on Brad to deliver the "no sitting sign". Laura will come by to see the sign at City hall.

Zack spoke about Procession of the Species. He gave the website of: procession.org for more information. They are looking to start small this year with the parade being held on the same day as another event such as open streets or farmers market.

Terry asked about new board members and where the process is. Jonh will resend applications to the Board and then the Mayor will pick his appointments.

Jonh spoke about Peregrine's art. He delayed last week, but we expect that it will go up this week. The City has prepped things and it is ready for install.

Laura mentioned an event at Picket Pocket Park but we can discuss next month.

Next month meeting will be in person with hybrid option on April 13th at 4pm.

Adjourned at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Darby Jordan