

January 11th, 2023

Members Present: Lisa Rhoades, Diane Marr, Clarity Miller, Todd Young, Betty Connor

Staff Present: Jonn Lunsford, Darby Jordan

Guests Present: Rosemary Grey, Doug Grey

Called to Order: 4:01 PM

Minutes: December minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comments:

Rosemary was in attendance to speak about the art in the community and the cleaning needs of this art. Lisa responded that the Board has previously spoken about this issue and the challenges faced. There is a list being compiled of all public art on the island and what needs to be done for each piece. Some artists have a certain product they want used for cleaning, others want their piece to age and weather naturally. The list should be complete by next month and then a group can start on this project.

Correspondence & Communication:

Jonn shared that next month representatives from the Arts Festival will be in attendance to speak about the 30th and R roundabout and the art to be placed. The Samish tribe may have some interest in being a partner in this project.

The Arts Festival is looking at converting the cairn into a low wall. With the potential for the Depot to be partially covered in the future, all changes are on hold for that location.

98221 Gallery:

Diane and Betty are collaborating on this project. Diane asked for ideas about themes for the Gallery and if we wanted to narrow it down to specific ages. The Board agreed to brainstorm ideas for themes and discuss it next month. It was agreed that the music at the last Art Walk was a wonderful addition and it should continue. It was also agreed that this is one of the very few spaces open for emerging artists and that should continue.

MOU Update:

Jonn will verify this has been completed.

Public Art Map:

Lisa is typing this up and will check with Zack about the remaining photos.

New Project Ideas:

Lisa shared that with the new year, it would be great to brainstorm some new project ideas. Lisa would like to propose a mural on City Hall. Jonn suggested that the Board think of a design and concept and he will present it to the Mayor. The budget for projects is approximately \$3000 per year, with about \$11,000 in the fund currently. Todd spoke about the Anacortes Music Project and the idea of incorporating art into the music festival.

Other Business:

Betty asked about the listing of a high school representative on the Board. She will put the word out for students to apply. Jonn is taking the applicants from the talent bank to the Mayor for approval of Board placement.

Meeting adjourned at 4:43pm

Respectfully submitted by Darby Jordan