

February 8th, 2023

Members Present: Diane Marr, Clarity Miller, Todd Young, Betty Connor, Betsy Humphrey

Staff Present: Jonn Lunsford, Darby Jordan

Guests Present: Rita James, Jackie Ferry, Meredith McIlmoyle

Called to Order: 4:06 PM

Minutes: January minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comments:

None

Correspondence & Communication:

None

30th Street Roundabout:

The public works department is going to start work soon on R Avenue with a new roundabout going in at the intersection of R and 30th street. Jonn reached out to the Samish about a collaboration for a sculpture or other piece of art to be placed there. The Samish have many artists and they would like to be part of this project. Rita, with the Anacortes Arts Festival, shared that a piece was just installed at Anacortes High School that was created by some of the Samish carvers during the Arts Festival last summer as part of the working artists. She suggested that maybe this piece could be done live again. Jackie is meeting with the Carving Circle and will ask them for ideas and participation. She will attend next month with an update and ideas.

98221 Gallery:

Diane reached out to Terry to inquire about a list of themes used in previous shows. Terry did not have a list like this. The theme for the next show needs to be decided on by the March meeting so Diane asked that any ideas be emailed to her. Betty suggested that textile and fiber art be the theme with wearable, quilted and 3D art be showcased.

Public Art Map:

No update

High School Representative:

Betty reached out to counselors and art teachers at the high school for suggestions on students that would be interested in serving on the Board. One student completed an application and Jonn will bring her name to the mayor for appointment. It has been a long time since there was a student rep on the Board and the hope is this student will bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm as well as be a liaison between the commission and students.

Other Business:

Rita was in attendance representing the Anacortes Arts Festival and their project called "Regeneration". This was originally displayed at the Arts Festival some years ago as a large cairn with names of victims of mass shootings. It is not suitable to be displayed outside in the original format. The artists and Festival

members have met to brainstorm ideas and came up with a double sided, framed mosaic from the pieces of each brick or rock. It will be able to be displayed in the new format. The wall will be 8 feet high and 16 feet long as a permanent installation. Discussion ensued. This proposition will need to be brought to both the Arts Commission and Parks Board, as well as City staff and Council. The Board agreed to continue the discussion and Rita will return at the next meeting.

Betsy has decided to step away from her role as a Commission member, she will still be available as an advisor. Jonn will bring the three applications received through the Talent Bank to the mayor for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57pm

Respectfully submitted by Darby Jordan