

March 8th, 2023

Members Present: Diane Marr, Betty Connor, Lisa Rhodes, Bob Hogan, Mark Gardner, Dona Reed, Clara

Staff Present: Jonn Lunsford, Darby Jordan

Guests Present: Beck Ivey, Michael Painter, Cathy Dickinson

Called to Order: 4:03 PM

Minutes: February minutes were unanimously approved with the addition of the Board being in support of the theme of the next 98221 Gallery.

Public Comments: Cathy with the Downtown Anacortes Alliance group was in attendance to share the group's purpose. They are acting as a liaison between local businesses and the City. They are funding their group and projects through donations to their non-profit. Their first project is to refurbish the downtown arch. The arch was originally a chamber effort to build it and is now owned by the City. The DAA will come to Council for approval for this project.

Beck Ivey was in attendance to represent the Anacortes Museum. She oversees the museum's mural project. There are 182 murals total in the Bill Mitchell collection. The museum is currently in the process of restoring the murals with funding for this project by donations. The museum website is being updated with information from the archives donated by Bill's brother Mark. Beck will be attending some of the Commission's meetings to keep the link between the museum and the Arts.

Correspondence & Communication:

None

Welcome & Intro of New Commission members:

Bob Hogan joins the Commission after living here for seven years. His background includes time at Amazon as well as radio and marketing. He was previously part of the piano project around town. He and his wife Claudia have collaborated on the "Tortoise from Anacortes" book and plush.

Mark Gardner and Dona Reed are in Tucson and will introduce themselves next month.

Clara Jeong is the new Anacortes High School representative. She is a Junior and president of the student art club. She suggested a field trip for the Arts Commission to visit the High School to view their art collection.

Other Business:

98221 Gallery:

Diane had the draft of the call to artists for the 98221 Gallery. There was discussion about clarifying the amount of fiber required in the piece. Diane will make the changes and then send out the final to the Board. Discussion was then had about where to advertise to this new group of artists.

Procession of the Species:

Zack gave an overview of the event for the new members. This year they are holding the event on June 10th. Clara stated that she would talk to the Green Club at the high school to see if they would like to participate.

Public Art Map:

Lisa shared that they are in the process of getting the photos for this project. She also gave an overview of the project for the new Board members. Once it is complete, the City will upload it to the website and create interactive links and information. Jonn, Lisa and Zack will meet to discuss what the digital requirements are for the website.

Lisa also spoke about the possibility of a mural on the City Hall building. She shared some photos of her ideas. Discussion was had about the building being historical, about having the art inside or outside and looking at other places in town.

Meeting adjourned at 5:21pm

Respectfully submitted by Darby Jordan