

April 12th, 2023

Members Present: Diane Marr, Lisa Rhodes, Bob Hogan, Dona Reed, Zack Wight, Todd Young

Staff Present: Jonn Lunsford, Darby Jordan

Guests Present: Rita James

Called to Order: 4:04 PM

Minutes: March minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comments: Rita shared that the Arts Festival is leasing the Buxton's building and it will house the Anacortes Music Project, Fidalgo Danceworks and other community arts, music and dance events.

Todd added that the AMP camp starts today.

Zack gave an update on the Procession of the Species which will be holding several workshops on Sundays leading up to the parade. The event is on June 10th at noon.

Correspondence & Communication: Jonn shared that the Forest Advisory Board is working on the Forest Plan review and the Parks Board is reviewing budget information.

Pianocortes:

Bob Hogan would like to explore the option of bringing back Pianocortes. This was a joint Anacortes Arts Festival, school district, Parks department project. An overview was given of how it was previously run. The previous person who did the tuning has retired so someone new will have to be recruited. It would be a challenge to organize in time for this summer's Arts Festival, so Bob will investigate organizing for next year.

98221 Gallery:

At this time, there is only one submission for the new Gallery show. The issue has been brought up of the percentage of fiber required for each piece. The Board agreed to change the submission criteria and allow all mediums with the requirement that they must have some fiber incorporated.

Arts Festival Art Installation:

Rita was in attendance with some of the artists from the Regeneration project. They spoke about the history and intention for the piece. It was originally made and displayed in 2019, but then has been stored since Covid. The plan is to turn the pieces of stone into a wall, encased in concrete that would stand up to the weather. The original planned dimensions for the wall would be 8 feet by 16 feet. The Festival, and artists, are asking the Board for permission to explore spaces that this could be installed. Jonn stated that due to size, there would need to be permission from both the Arts Commission and the Parks Advisory Board. Ideas for placement were discussed and it was decided that both the artists and Parks staff would meet and look at potential spaces for installation. A motion was presented to support the project exploration and collaborate on the project. There were 6 votes in favor and none against.

Other Business:

The budget was discussed and will be reviewed at the next meeting. Discussion was had about the sculpture project and Betsy will be invited to the May meeting to help with the next steps on either the Sculpture Garden or the Arts on the Ave.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57pm

Respectfully submitted by Darby Jordan