

September 13th, 2023

Members Present: Lisa Rhodes, Bob Hogan, Zach Wight, Betty Connor, Clara Jeong, Diane Marr, Todd Young

Staff Present: Jonn Lunsford, Darby Jordan

Called to Order: 4:02 PM

Minutes: August minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence & Communication: Jonn reported that with the Transit Shed closing at the end of the year, the City is looking at other options for larger events. One of these options is the Depot plaza by adding a tent.

Madrona Grove:

Betsy was not in attendance to speak about this but Zach shared some information. There was discussion about doing the show in the Madrona Grove or making it an Arts on the Ave show. The Downtown Anacortes Alliance is working on getting more traffic to the South Commercial area but the feedback previously received from the public is that it is harder to walk. Zach is asking who wants to be on the committee, Lisa, Dona and Mark will help with this project. It has been suggested in the past that it be a 12-18 month show and to up the stipend.

New Chairperson Election:

The Board and Staff thanked Lisa for all of her hard work as chairperson. Zach volunteered to step into this role and Diane volunteered to be co-chair. The vote was a unanimous approval.

Teaching Opportunities through Parks & Recreation:

Jonn shared that it has been a struggle to find instructors for arts classes. The City would like to provide this service again. Previously there have been classes with the school district or in a public space. Jonn asked if any of the Board would be interested in teaching a class, or if they knew of anyone that would be a good fit for this position. Classes could be for children or adults, any medium, and would be a paid position. Lisa is meeting with the 98221 studio tour group and will mention it to them.

Other Business:

Bob spoke about Piano-cortes. He is speaking with tuners and asked if there is a stipend we could offer to the tuner. Previously a stipend was funded through the Anacortes Arts Foundation.

There is a new application in the talent bank for the place on the Board. Jonn will send this on to the Mayor.

Lisa spoke with Jackie about a Samish tribal member being on the Board as well. Jackie is going to the Samish council to see if there is any interest.

Bob spoke about the 98221 Gallery. He asked about the timeline for shows during the year and suggested three shows instead of two.

Zach is working with Rob Hoxie at the City to get details of what is needed to connect photos to the art map.

The Winter Wonderland walk is December 8 and 9 and the Arts Commission has a “selfie site” with picture frames and décor. Zach is asking for additional help setting up the site.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53pm

Respectfully submitted by Darby Jordan