

October 11th, 2023

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

Staff Present: Jonn Lunsford, Darby Jordan

Called to Order: 4:03 PM

Minutes: September minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence & Communication: None

Madrona Grove/Arts on the Ave:

Zach shared that Lisa and Beck have volunteered to help with this project. Terry, Rita and Betsy have also expressed interest in helping. Lights and cameras are still needed for security purposed in the Madrona Grove. Solar has shown to not be the best option for this area so research is being done by the Facilities and Parks departments about what could work better. Windermere is still in the initial pledge window of \$5000 for 5 years. In past years, the Anacortes Arts Festival has purchased a piece from the collection. New this round will be increased stipends and a longer show. The committee for this project will meet in the next couple months to get started on the planning. Darby will email Zach with the previous "call to artists" that has gone out.

Winter Wonderland Walk:

Zach also shared about this upcoming event hosted by the City Parks & Recreation department. The Arts Commission has a "selfie site" there and is looking for volunteers to help decorate the site on Thursday December 7th and the morning of Friday December 8th. During the event, it is not necessary to have someone at the site.

98221 Gallery:

The current Fiber Arts show is ending this month. The art piece that was donated to the City has not sold and Bob will reach out to the family to see about donating it to an upcoming holiday auction and fundraiser. The next show is going to be titled "The Winter Wonderland of Art" and will show from December 1st until March 15th. The call to artists has been sent out via email to the compiled list of local artists from Terry. It is also posted on social media and the Arts Commission website. City Hall will be open for the December Art Walk on December 1st. The Board discussed who is available to help hang the show on November 29th. They also spoke about having the pianist play again at this Art Walk.

Piano-Cortes

Bob spoke about Piano-cortes. He shared that there is a new communication director at the Anacortes Arts Festival. They are excited to see this project started again. Bob asked about a stipend from the AAF and they will get back to him. The AAF gave permission for the working artists to show at the Festival in August. Then the pianos will be displayed through Labor Day at various businesses throughout town. Bob will check with local moving companies to see about them donating their services to help move the pianos to the artists' houses.

AMPfest:

Todd spoke about AMPfest and the potential of a collaboration of visual and musical art in the community. The annual festival takes place the first Saturday of September at Seafarers Park. The Board spoke about many possibilities and ideas. The most popular being something for the youth to display their art. Clara will speak to the Arts Club at the high school to see about interest. It was also discussed that AMP could work with the museum to provide musical history with the various historical plaques and murals.

Other Business:

There are currently three vacancies on the Board at this time. The Mayor is reviewing the talent bank application from Alex. The Mayor would also like to see an application for the Samish Nations member.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03pm

Respectfully submitted by Darby Jordan