

March 13, 2024

Members Present: Bob Hogan, Zach Wight, Betty Connor, Diane Marr, Steven Cheng, Lisa Rhodes, Clara Jeong, Trish Wilson

Staff Present: Jonn Lunsford, Darby Jordan

Called to Order: 4:01 PM

Minutes: February minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comments: Kami was in attendance as a guest. She is Todd's neighbor and eager to learn about what the commission does.

Correspondence & Communication:

Jonn shared that the Anacortes Senior Activity Center Foundation is supportive of working with the Commission on projects for all ages. Ideas were presented such as doing art with a grandparent-supporting intergenerational activities. Beck Ivie and Sue Robertson are looking at art classes for the week of elementary school conferences in the fall. Other ideas are welcome for future projects.

Spring/Summer 98221 Gallery Show:

Bob stated that this is the last week of the Winter show with next week being pick up of that art. The art for the Spring show will be dropped off and then hung on the 27th. There is no theme for the Spring show and it will showcase 12 artists.

Piano-Cortes

Bob spoke about Piano-cortes. He has found an amazing piano tuner that will help with multiple steps of this project. Bruce Crawford will find qualified pianos, deliver them to the artists, pick them up from the artists, deliver to the location desired and then tune them. Jonn shared that previous pianos have been located at Calico Cupboard, Johnny Picasso's (now the Creative Hub) and Bayshore, as they all have large covered space out front of their locations. The next step is to find artists interested in painting the pianos. It was suggested that the high school art club take on one as part of the "working artists" at the Arts Festival. Clara will check on interest with the art club. Discussion was had about how to find or jury other artists.

Art on the Streets:

Betty shared a few ideas to brighten up the downtown area, focused on the bike racks, bike lanes and electrical boxes. She showed what other communities have done to make spaces stand out. Some projects have included children's art or community members. Jonn will reach out to public works about logistics and identifying a couple bike racks to see about implementation of this project.

Other Business: Discussion was had about the status of the photos of the art in town. Zach also mentioned that the deadline for the Madrona Grove call to artists is Friday. He also shared that the Procession of the Species will be holding more workshops at Buxtons in preparation for the Earth Day event.

Lisa asked about art in the roundabouts in town. Jonn shared that this is a decision that is made by engineering. At this point, the Samish Nation has been contacted about the new R Avenue roundabout. Jonn will speak with public works about their plans for art and what the specifications would be.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Darby Jordan