

May 8th, 2024

Members Present: Bob Hogan, Zach Wight, Betty Connor, Todd Young, Kami Bratten, Trish Wilson, Lisa Rhodes

Staff Present: Jonn Lunsford, Darby Jordan

Called to Order: 4:01 PM

Minutes: April minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comments: Kami was in attendance as an official Commission member. She introduced herself and shared that she enjoys music, visual and written arts.

Correspondence & Communication: Jonn shared that Rita James has asked about putting some tables in the Madrona Grove. He is looking into that possibility.

Madrona Grove: Contracts have been sent to the artists, legal will notify us when the contracts are returned and staff will proceed with getting the delivery and placement scheduled. There was a question from one of the artists about the sale and replacement of their piece. They no longer have a studio to create another piece. It was decided to handle this on a case by case basis if a sale is made.

Piano-Cortes: Bob spoke about Piano-cortes. All three pianos have been delivered to the artists. Painting will happen between now and the Arts Festival with the pianos and artists featured in the Working Artists area.

Art Map: Lisa and Betty shared that they have met a couple of times and are working on adjusting the walking route and numbering of the map and art. Discussion was had about QR codes on each piece for direct access to the website. Beck spoke about the naming of the murals on the Tommy Thompson trail. Discussion was had about clarification of these murals. Further discussion was had about the condition of the art and their signs.

Other Business: Betty spoke about the bike platform project. She met with Jeff and Trish at the library. They are supportive of the project and suggested starting with the bike rack near the playground. Betty has spoken with two teachers to coordinate the little kid/big kid art and will be starting that project this month.

Kami and Betty reported on ideas for Open Streets with the bike racks and chalk decorating. Discussion was had about having high school students or other artists take on some areas and volunteers guiding kids at others. One idea they have is a scavenger hunt with a stamp at each bike rack. They will talk with merchants near the bike racks. City staff will order supplies.

The 98221 Gallery will be open for the June Art Walk. Betty will be organizing this event. Todd will contact the piano player and Bob will get the artist name tags made.

Betty requested the following be on the June agenda: Open Streets, Bike Platforms, 98221 Gallery.

Todd spoke about the possibility for a grant program. Discussion was had about the possibility of expanding the art that the Commission supports to include literary or music, with an idea of opening a call to artists for literary art. Another idea suggested was to combine the art map with local music.

Trish spoke about a project that she and Jonn are working on for intergenerational art-Paint Your Grownup. This will be held at the library this summer with sign ups through the Parks & Rec department.

Bob gave a thank you to the Procession of the Species and the Luminary Parade. It was a great event and had a good turn out. Zach welcomes any ideas to make it better.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03pm

Respectfully submitted by Darby Jordan