

April 9, 2025

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

**Staff Present:** Jonn Lunsford, Darby Jordan

**Called to Order:** 4:00 PM

**Minutes:** March minutes were unanimously approved.

**Public Comments:** None

**Correspondence & Communication:** None

**Wall Mural Project:** Board in approval of wall murals in town, the next one believed to be going up is on the side of the Thrifty Kitty in conjunction with the Arts Festival.

**98221 Gallery & Questions:** Bob began by reviewing the timeline with this show ending in May. He asked for others to help jury the show with Lisa, Todd and Trish volunteering. There will be no theme and the Summer show will be up in time for the June 6<sup>th</sup> Art Walk.

Betty brought up the question of the percentage of sales kept by the Arts Commission and suggested this should no longer be the case. Other Board members expressed concern about giving up any money opportunities as the budget is variable and unknown year to year. If the Board decided to purchase larger art pieces, the existing funds could dwindle rapidly.

**2024 Accomplishments:** Betty had prepared a month by month list of topics covered at each meeting, including what activities had happened throughout the year. Upon review it was discussed that a rack card should be made to advertise the Art map, hopefully in time for summer. The QR code stickers are made and ready for distribution on the art. Kami volunteered to take on this project. Discussion was had on how to drive traffic to the art and art map. Ideas were discussed such as a newspaper article, the rack card, or a scavenger hunt during the summer. Ideas for this were discussed, Kami and Trish will meet and discuss details to bring back next meeting. Zack will look into designing the rack card and pricing for printing. Bob brought up the idea of going to Council to speak about what the Arts Commission is doing.

**Other Business:**

Bob announced that North Sound Piano is confirmed for helping with Piano-cortes. They will secure two pianos, move them and tune them. The Arts Festival is onboard with covering the stipend for supplies. Next will be to solicit artists to paint the pianos. Lisa will put it out to her Studio Tour list.

Discussion was had about the USPS bike rack. It has been marked for grinding by the streets team. Jonn will find out the timeline on that and get back to Kami regarding final approval.

Bob spoke about the large arts community and that he is taking classes from a gentleman in Coupeville. He asked about offering art classes here in town, different mediums for different levels of artists. Bob will look into this idea and who would be good art teachers.

Meeting adjourned at 4:59pm

Respectfully submitted by Darby Jordan