

June 11, 2025

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

Staff Present: Jonn Lunsford, Darby Jordan

Called to Order: 4:04 PM

Minutes: May minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence & Communication: Jonn shared that the Arts Festival has nearly finished the installation of the Wee Houses. Signs are being ordered and Parks staff will post them.

Art Scavenger Hunt: Kami spoke about this project with the public art being divided into 7 zones with 3 to 6 pieces of art per zone. She is chatting with a graphic designer on a sticker design, she will check in with the Samish about using the image of the Maiden. This will run between Shipwreck Day and the Arts Festival. Lisa will share the arts map with Kami. Discussion was had about the prizes with the suggestion of an arts supply basket. Discussion was also had about where to promote the program.

98221 Gallery & Questions: Bob spoke about the Gallery and expressed thanks for the set up help. There was a good crowd on a nice night.

Piano-cortes: Bob also spoke about this program. There are two pianos and the Arts Festival is promoting the call for artists. He will send out the call to the 98221 artists.

Voice & Verse: Jonn spoke with the City attorney about this project and contract. There were some changes made to make it work with the City. It will have a juried call to artists. The grant would be awarded with some control of the content and periodic check ins.

Other Business:

Kami spoke about an event in October, an opera singer that is presenting an ocean themed performance. She is looking for artists to show their ocean themed work to decorate the space. It was suggested to reach out to Procession of the Species to borrow their costumes and masks.

Betty spoke about the budget and no longer taking a percentage of the sales from the 98221 gallery. Discussion was had about an art purchase and using some of the Commission's reserves.

Todd mentioned that he is hopeful to find another student representative.

Betty inquired about the maintenance of the art on the library sidewalk. Parks staff will trim and mow but no specific maintenance for the art.

Lisa asked about the A-town and why the Arts Commission was not featured. Staff responded that the publication size has been cut in half for budget reasons and none of the City Boards or Commissions are advertised. It was requested that "Communication" be put on the next agenda.

Jonn announced that the next "Paint Your Grandma" would be held at the library on July 17th at 2pm. There will be no meeting in July.

Meeting adjourned at 4:59pm

Respectfully submitted by Darby Jordan