



MINUTES

Arts Commission

6:30 PM - March 25, 2019

City Hall Executive Briefing Room - Plaza 111, Sammamish, WA

Councilmembers Present:

Barbara Jirsa
Jillian Born
Ashley Arrington
Margaret Rosenow
Claradell Shedd
Echo Chernik
Chair Ramu Iyer
Sudeshna Dixit
Vice-Chair Andrew Rubinstein

Councilmembers Absent:

Staff Present:

Recreation Manager Chris Jordan
Office Assistant Annelise Diers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Iyer called the Arts Commission meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was called.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Meeting Minutes was approved as presented for February 25, 2019.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL REPORT

- 2019 Budget: **\$190,000**
- 2019 Expenditures to date: **\$2,128**
- 2019 Balance to date: **\$187,872**

NEW BUSINESS

a) Meeting Rules of Engagement

The intent behind this topic is to build onto Rules of Conduct that were published a few years ago based on how members want to engage as a commission including the new members.

b) Robert Rules - Training

This training will take place on May 30th from 5:30pm – 8:30pm. This training will be offered to multiple commissions including Arts Commission, Planning Commissions, Parks Commission and Human Services.

c) 2019 Arts Workplan

Commissioner Dixit presented on programs. Commissioner Dixit met with two women who run a program for kids with special needs in the Issaquah Highlands to inquire about programming. The goal is to have a reoccurring monthly program, hoping to start in May. Budget has not yet been determined.

Commissioner Jirsa discussed the Exhibits at City Hall. The Commission hires a professional installer which is something the Commission prides itself in. Commissioner Jirsa is rethinking the Reception format. Event costs may decrease with this change. One consideration is the artist needs to have the opportunity to bring their community. Additionally, Commissioner Jirsa mentioned creating at least one panel for panel discussions related to various topics with different views. This will fall within the proposed \$6,000 budget.

Motion: Chair Iyer moved to approve the budget for Exhibits. Commissioner Rosenow seconded the motion. Motion passed 9-0.

Commissioner Born presented on the sand sculpture for the City's 3-day event in August. The sand sculpting artist, Sue McGrew estimated around \$8,000 + \$2,000 for incidentals. There has been discussion about the possibility of getting sponsorship. Details are being discussed and the design can be revised before finalization. Commissioner Shedd recommended a plaque with information about the artist.

Motion: Commissioner Jirsa moved to accept the sand sculpture and allocate \$9,000 in the budget. Commissioner Rubinstein seconded the motion. Motion passed 9-0.

Commissioner Born presented on the topic of *Suspended Eddies* which is built by local artist, Sophia Wheelwright. This is an airborne sculpture made of aluminum mesh. Commissioner Born proposed having these up at Fourth on the Plateau since it is the number one attended event. This sculpture is lit up and would stand out at night, bringing awareness of the Commission. Commissioner Born is meeting with the artist tomorrow, March 26th at 1:30pm.

Commissioner Born mentioned the idea of doing an Art Scavenger Hunt and has reached out

to/is waiting to hear back from Art by Fire who runs the event on Camano Island. The commission discussed the idea of this taking place leading up to the Arts Showcase. The prize/gift for scavenger hunt participation needs to be art related. Commissioner Arrington and Commissioner Chernik joined the mini-committee for this project.

Motion: Rosenow moved to accept the Art Scavenger Hunt and budget \$1,000 for this project. Commissioner Shedd seconded the motion. Motion passed 9-0.

Commissioner Born presented on Rain Art. The commission discussed different design ideas. Commissioner Rubinstein recommended reaching out to high schools for volunteers rather than paying for an artist to encourage community involvement. Commissioner Chernik suggested a reward for the winner if they run a contest. Commissioner Born will put together a workplan for this project and send out a budget to the commission.

Commissioner Born reached out to Deb Sogge from the Chamber of Commerce about having a presence Farmers Market inquiring about volunteer requirements for time when commissioners can't be onsite. The goal is to participate every week if possible.

Motion: Commissioner Arrington moved to budget \$200 for Art at Farmers Market. Commissioner Jirsa seconded the motion. Motion passed 9-0.

Commissioner Shedd talked to the commission about putting a \$7,000 placeholder on the roundabout art at 244th and Main Street. Discussion included working out details later based upon the Carryforward request.

Motion: Commissioner Shedd moved to put a placeholder for \$7,000 the art at the roundabout on 244th and Main Street. Commissioner Born seconded the motion. Motion passed 9-0.

d) Strategic Plan for Arts Commission

Commissioner Rubinstein met with Chris Jordan and Angie Feser about the 1% art fund. Commissioner Rubinstein recommends hiring a consultant as the City of Redmond did. The process would include moving forward by interviewing consultants. Specifically, the commission will go to the council and ask for money towards a strategic plan. Committee will include Commissioner Jirsa, Commissioner Arrington and Commissioner Rubinstein.

Motion: Commissioner Rosenow moved to create a subcommittee for this project. Commissioner Arrington seconded the motion. Motion passed 9-0.

e) Overview of Photography Exhibit

Jack Pendleton presented on Studio Unlimited. Jack is a junior at Eastlake High School with a passion for photography and an interest in business as a DECA member/competitor. Jack's mission is to create a collaborative art gallery for high school students to showcase their creations. Jack presented examples of various work from local high school students. This space would be run by local high schoolers and volunteers. A section of this space would have a workshop for classes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frances Hoffman and Nancy Grossi from Spotlight Repertory NW presented on their shows and programs. Spotlight Repertory's mission is to provide more performance opportunities and classes in the performing arts to people in this community. Their goal is to provide venues and opportunities for people to come together from different economic backgrounds and social backgrounds. Frances and Nancy presented a list of items they are looking for funding during their "Hooray for Hollywood" event at CWU Sammamish. Items included music and tracks, lighting, sound and rental chairs.

ADJOURNMENT

8:44 PM