

*Minutes of the  
City of Gig Harbor Arts Commission*  
January 11, 2005  
7:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

Vice President Erlich called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and roll call was taken.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Chris Erlich, Betty Willis, Nancy Weaver, Donna Trent, Robin Peterson and Renee Crist were present. Marion Ekberg was excused. Lita Dawn Stanton and Christopher Mathie were absent. Staff member Maureen Whitaker was present to record the proceedings.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The members read the minutes of the December 14, 2004 meeting.

**MOTION:** Approval of the December 14, 2004 meeting minutes.  
Peterson/Trent – unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**TERM LIMITS:**

There was discussion about the expiration of three commission terms in March. Commissioner Trent and Peterson stated that they were not interested in serving again. Commissioner Peterson said that she wouldn't mind coming back but would like a break but she would reconsider if replacements were not found. Commissioner Erlich suggested that the Commission bring back some names to the table for the next meeting.

**APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHAIR:**

There was discussion about how the new chair position was appointed. Commissioner Erlich read from the policies and procedures and confirmed that the chair was made by the Commission annually at its regular April meeting.

**GRANTS:**

Commissioner Erlich gave an update on the Grants Question and Answer (Workshop) that was held on January 6, 2005 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. She said that there was a good turnout, much better than last year. She added that they went over basic eligibility criteria. The meeting lasted over one hour.

The grant deadline closes at January 20, 2005. Maureen confirmed that she would mail out grant packets to all Commissioners for discussion at the next meeting.

**RFP – ROTARY PAVILION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2004:**

Maureen reported that there have been no proposals submitted to date. She stated that from the public art database, she had sent the RFP to those artists whom had listed an email address and mailed the RFP to the rest. Maureen also reported that the RFP had been advertised in the Gateway, Lauren Lund had done a press release and PAL was also notified. There was discussion about getting another press release out.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Willis spoke about the Salmon Chanted project. She thought that Bill Fogerty from the Water's Edge would be attending tonight's meeting to help generate artist interest. Commissioner Erlich said that he had attended the grant workshop and she was able to answer some of his questions. Their project is charity work, the artists receive money for their supplies and the large salmon pieces are then auctioned off. Commissioner Willis stated that this project is being submitted through the Finholm Marketplace Association.

Commissioner Willis asked if City policy had changed the guidelines on hanging public art in the Civic Center. Maureen said that she would follow-up on it. Commissioner Crist had mentioned that she had remembered reading something about this and the issue was that pieces could be hung but not marketed for sale.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

February 15, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.  
Willis/Peterson – unanimously approved  
CD recorder utilized: Disc #1 Tracks 1-4

Respectfully submitted,



Maureen Whitaker, Assistant City Clerk