

*Minutes of the  
City of Gig Harbor Arts Commission*

October 12, 2004  
7:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

Commission Chair Lita Dawn Stanton called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and roll call was taken.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Rotary Pavilion.**

Commission Chair Stanton opened the discussion and said that she had not yet made contact with Gary Glein. She stated that we were unable to proceed until the Commission received the specifications of the pavilion in relation to the size and depth of the center circle.

**Grant.**

There was discussion about the 2005 grant program that was be published in The Gigabyte and The Works publication, a bi-annual publication put out by the city. An information sheet was provided to all commissioners from Tourism Director Lauren Lund that was a follow-up to the last meeting.

Maureen Whitaker commented on attending the 2004 grant recipient Hansel and Gretel play that was performed by the Missoula Children's Theatre at Chapel Hill Church. She stated that the venue was very small and the attendance was marginal. There was discussion about revising the grant application to include some language that would require an attendance and publicity report to determine how much of the public actually benefit from a funded event. Commissioner Mathie suggested that the grant guidelines should contain some language about a representative from the GHAC attending the event(s). It was suggested that a calendar be established that lists each funded project. This calendar could then be passed around to the commissioners so that each event could have a representative present.

**Banners.**

Commission Chair Stanton reported that the banners would be finished within one week. There was discussion about possibly having an art show for the children whom participated in the banner contest. It was determined that the Peninsula Art League was getting ready to hang one of their shows running from October 25 through the end of November in the Civic Center, therefore there would not be enough time to do this. Ms. Stanton discussed preparing a Certificate of Appreciation for Banner Contest Winner Emily Fisher and framing the prototype of Emily's banner. There was discussion on how to coordinate this presentation.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Public Art.**

Christopher Mathie discussed an article about public art written by art critic Sheila Farr that was published in the Seattle Times newspaper on August 1, 2004.

Commissioner Mathie shared some pictures of public art from Vienna and other places. He also shared an article on The Percent for Public Art Policy from Richmond, British Columbia. Copies of both articles were distributed. He asked about the possibility of implementing such a policy in Gig Harbor. He pointed out that this is a great way to fund larger art installations in the city. He stated that he was surprised how many cities and countries had this kind of program in place. Commissioner Ekberg offered to ask Council if this could be a future possibility.

Commission Chair Stanton said that she had recently spoken to the metal artist that had submitted a packet of information last year. He was interested in doing a presentation for the Commission. Ms. Stanton asked Ms. Whitaker to check with Laureen Lund to see if she still had this information. Commissioner Mathie talked about finding artists that work with materials other than bronze due to its costliness. The group discussed being very clear in the specifications for the Call for Artists in regards to budget and medium.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

November 9, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** Move to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.  
Ekberg/Crist – unanimously approved  
CD recorder utilized: Disc #1 Tracks 1-6

Respectfully submitted,



Maureen Whitaker, Assistant City Clerk