

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Renee Crist called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Roll was taken.

PRESENT: Commissioners Renee Crist, Lita Dawn Stanton, Betty Willis, Del Woock, Mary Rae Lund, Chris Erlich and Kit Kuhn. Absent: Karla Epperson and Nancy Weaver. City Staff Maureen Whitaker took minutes of the proceedings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The members read the minutes of the October 11, 2005, meeting.

MOTION: Approval of the September 13, 2005, meeting minutes as presented.
Willis/Woock – unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Rotary Pavilion: Nothing new to report.

Note: The concrete color has not yet been approved. Need to follow-up with Artist Mardie Rees if she had not presented this information by February 2006.

2. Budget Presentation to Council: Discussion moved to Community Report section.

3. Grant Application Updated Forms: Lita Dawn and Betty proposed many beneficial changes that removed redundancies, providing greater clarification and simplification to the grant form and guidelines. Lita Dawn handed out copies of the forms and there was discussion of the revisions.

Betty suggested that a sample budget form be filled out and posted to the website. Chris offered to do this and forward to Maureen for posting.

Note: Maureen to list any upcoming events, one month in advance on the monthly agenda. **How about posting on the webpage??**

4. Website: Renee reported that she had been in continued communication and coordination with the City's IT person, Kay Truitt. There is a live linkable Grant Application and Guidelines and an Opportunities for Artists for a future link. Renee said that she has submitted photos for Kay to post to the GHAC webpage. Betty added that more photos will be coming from Kathy Strickland. There was discussion about grant recipients providing photos with their grant applications and/or in the beginning of the process as it lends to more publicity for the grant program as well as the recipient. Lita Dawn was going to add language to the form that said that if photos were submitted early, they could be posted to the webpage.

There was discussion about requesting that Laureen Lund put together a press release for the 2006 Grant Program.

5. Wood Carving Design Review: Renee reported that she had sent a letter to Mayor Wilbert letting her know that this item was placed on the GHAC agenda and the GHAC would be happy to review any proposals that the Mayor receives regarding the Call for Wood Carvers which was advertised in the Gateway.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Budget Presentation to Council: Renee suggested that the Commission may want to re-think the idea of making a presentation to Council. It was agreed that a presentation would not be given.

2. GHAC Rotating Public Art Program – Chris Erlich: Chris provided an overview/status of the program and reported that she was in the process of recruiting volunteers. Lita Dawn expressed her concerns about the timeline and the January Call for Artists. Chris explained that she had moved the Call to January with the entries due in March, as discussed at the last meeting. There was a lengthy discussion about the man hours needed to make this program work. There was further discussion about the responsibility and commitment that the GHAC must have for this program. There was further dialog regarding the timeframe for the program, that it was a better part of a year long effort that will include putting together the art, the jurying, the installation, the celebrations and community events – and the underlying question was will there be ample man hours and enough budget to support it. There was talk about another entity carrying this program through whereas the GHAC would not have the responsibility of running it. Chris shared her ideas on how she thought this program would work and using Puyallup as a template. It was asked what role the Commission would play in this program. Chris said that the Commission would assist in creating the criteria for the program, reviewing the artwork, being involved in the celebration day and ultimately the acquisition. It was discussed that Chris' term on the GHAC expires in April 2006. Lita Dawn asked if there were any other organizations in town that Chris could mentor to produce this program so that it remained within the community thus becoming a viable program that the GHAC could continue funding without having to run it. The Commission was concerned that there will not be enough volunteers to carry this program through, especially with Chris' term being up in April. Chris stated that she would continue to be a lead volunteer; she just couldn't be the chair person. The 2006 Budget for this program is \$10,000. Chris proposed "Harboring Art" as the name of the program. The Commission liked the name and it was suggested to verify if the name has already been used.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2006 Grant Information Meeting: The grant application meeting was scheduled on January 11, 2006 at the same location as last year in Community Rooms A&B at the Civic Center. A time has not been confirmed. Betty stated that she would help Chris at this meeting.

Note: Laureen will be on vacation from December 9 – January 5.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

December 13, 2005, 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:50 P.M. – Willis/Crist – unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Whitaker', written over a horizontal line.

Maureen Whitaker