

Minutes of the
City of Gig Harbor Arts Commission
December 13, 2005
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Renee Crist called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Roll was taken.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The members read the minutes of the November 8, 2005, meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Rotary Pavilion – Progress Report: Renee reported that she had received a progress report from Mardie Rees. Mardie said that the medallion is going well, she has finalized the drawing after doing some additional research to ensure that everything is historically accurate. Mardie also stated that she has built the armature and ordered the clay from New York. She is in the early stages of sculpting. Lita Dawn suggested that she send her an email to request some snap shots along the way.

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. 2006 Grant Application Progress: Renee reported that the Grant Guidelines have been completed and thanked to Lita Dawn and Betty for their hard work in finalizing and formatting the Application packet. Renee said that the Grant Application and Guidelines are on the City's webpage in PDF format. The Grant Workshop is scheduled for January 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center in Meeting Rooms A&B. Laureen had already published a press release in the Gateway, TNT and the PAL Newsletter. Renee said that she would send out another info release since Laureen was on vacation. Renee noted that the Final Reports are coming in nicely.

Renee spoke about gaining more exposure for the grant program and suggested using one of the glass wall displays in the Civic Center. Lita Dawn suggested that a grant scrapbook, if it put together properly, it could be used as part of the display. Renee said that she would donate the scrapbook. She asked the Commission to cut out any GHAC-related press releases and give to her for the scrapbook.

There was discussion about providing grant recipients with a CD that had the City logo with Sponsored by the City of Gig Harbor Arts Commission. Lita Dawn said that she would work on this. Renee suggested maybe it could contain a banner or website link for their press package. The CD should also contain the Final Report form.

Note: Maureen to list any upcoming events, one month in advance on the monthly agenda. Maureen to work on creating template form for the 2007 Grant Application.

3. Website: Renee reported that the website has been updated but it appears to be fairly limited and a slow process. To date, the photos that she submitted had not been uploaded. Lita Dawn said that she could build a few HTML pages to link to the website to help expedite the process.

4. Wood Carving Design Review: Del Hansen responded to the Mayor's call for woodcarvers. His submittal contained three proposals.

Proposal #1 City Park at Crescent Creek: Stump is located in front of the public restrooms. The fir stump is 9-12-ft, by 24-ft. in diameter. The carving would be approximately 4 feet tall and utilize the full diameter of the stump. The proposed design would be a simple to abstract composition of a family group. Alternative designs would be a soaring eagle, blue heron or a large salmon. The sanded finish would be clear. Scaffolding required. He stated that he would carve a small model to work out the design. The proposed fee including all materials is \$1,200.

Proposal #2 Grandview Forest Park: Stump is located in the center of the park. The fir stump is 6-ft tall and 15-ft. in diameter and more suitable for a standing bear. The proposed fee is \$500.

Proposal #3 Pathway behind Civic Center: Stump is located in the back parking lot. The fir stump is 8-ft. tall and 24-ft. in diameter. He proposed a soaring eagle landing with wings raised about 36" – 40" in height on the top of the stump. Scaffolding required with some concern about the second tree being very close to work around. The proposed fee is \$1,200.

Mr. Hansen submitted photos of his work with his proposal which also included photos of benches. The Commission agreed that the quality and prices were reasonable and were in favor of Proposal #1. There was discussion about liability concerning "climb-ability" and vandalism. Renee said that she would send him a letter stating that the Commission requesting that he create a small model prior and address the climbing issue, sealant/finish and present this at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. GHAC Rotating Public Art Program – Chris Erlich: Chris handed out a detailed task sheet that designated different locations for public art. This also included a draft call for artists. Chris expressed that after further consideration, she felt that the program should not move forward at this time. Chris thought that the task sheet would be useful for other acquisitions, specifically the acquisition for the Cushman Trailhead Park. The Commission agreed that the Cushman Trailhead acquisition would be a great "coming out." Lita Dawn suggested an art kiosk or some kind of functional art, something that gathers people, such as a fountain.

Lita Dawn suggested that the Commission's focus could be for things that are more grass roots, which foster community involvement, similar to how the Fishermen's Memorial came about. Renee and the Commission thanked Chris for her efforts.

There was discussion about the 2006 approved Budget. All GHAC requests were approved: 30K in art acquisition, 25K in grants, 10K in project funding (9K for the rotating art program and 1K for live art demonstrations). Lita Dawn stated that her term on the Commission is up in March 2006. She stated that she would be happy to continue running Drawing You In program as a community member. She expressed interest in using some of the funding to purchase 10 art/easel chairs. Renee suggested that this funding can also be used to purchase supplies and paper for this program. Renee asked Lita Dawn to research the price to purchase the chairs. Lita Dawn suggested storing these chairs in the Net Shed. Renee asked Lita Dawn to come up with the sitting dates for 2006 for the coordination with Laureen and the availability of the Pavilion.

Renee reported that Betty had a question regarding if grant monies could be used to purchase instruments. It is acceptable to use the funding for equipment, however funding cannot be used for something that will be used solely by one person, which is considered pass-through funding. Instruments can be funded as long as they are used or loaned for multiple people. The Commission agreed that each funding request will be reviewed carefully.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

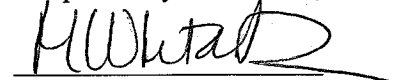
NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

January 10, 2006 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:00 P.M. – Stanton/Kuhn – unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Maureen Whitaker