



The City Of Gig Harbor Arts Commission

Minutes of the Gig Harbor Arts Commission Meeting Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Call to Order/Roll

The meeting was called to order by Chair Betty Willis at 7:02 PM.

Present: Betty Willis, Bob Sullivan, Renee Crist, Kit Kuhn, Carolyn Scott Arnold, Karla Epperson, Del Woock, and Mary Rae Lund. Sally Dutton was absent. Minutes were taken by staff Maureen Whitaker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The members read the minutes of the August 8, 2006 meeting. Kit Kuhn wanted to note for the record: at the August 8th meeting, he wanted to vote on the selection of bicycle racks and Chair Betty Willis chose to table the discussion until more members were present.

MOTION: Approval of the August 8, 2006, meeting minutes as presented.
Epperson/Scott Arnold – unanimously approved.

INTRODUCTIONS: Peter Hampl/Parks Commission member and Joel Samuel, local resident attended the meeting. Introductions were made and Mr. Samuel provided a copy on CD of his recent production work for the Folk Festival and other events. Mr. Samuel is a newcomer to Gig Harbor and was interested in the GHAC's function and activities.

Mr. Hampl stated that the Parks Commission is interested in working with the GHAC in regards to art placement in the city's parks. Mr. Hampl said that the Parks Commission had five members that met the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. As a new commission, he explained that they do not have a budget, but function as an advisory committee to City Council. Bob Sullivan attended the Parks Commission's September meeting at the request of Betty who was out of town. Mr. Hampl invited the GHAC to attend future Parks Commission meetings and he and the GHAC expressed interest in forging ahead with this new relationship between the two commissions.

Old Business

1. Public Art Cushman Trailhead Park – includes bicycle racks: Betty reported that she has had several discussions with the city over the past few weeks and said that she has been advised that the GHAC should not purchase "off the shelf" accoutrements for the parks, rather this should be the function of the Operations/Public Works Department. The GHAC should only fund public art that is created by artists using the Call for Artists process. There was a lengthy discussion by Mr. Hampl and the Commission about the city's nineteen parks and specifically about Phase 2 of the Cushman Trail which he noted as a hilly part of the trail that travels near the Wilkinson Farm Property. Mr. Hampl recommended that the GHAC be involved in this phase of planning and stated that there will be several public meetings that the GHAC may want to attend. (Terry Larson and the city and county's joint consultant who is doing the feasibility report will make a special presentation at the November 1st Parks Commission meeting and explain the Phase 2 process.)

There was further discussion about Kit's suggestion for mobiles (public art) at Cushman Trailhead Park. Betty stated that she would speak with Dave Brereton to find out the parameters with Tacoma City Light before a decision could be reached on the type of art that is suitable for this location.

MOTION: To allow Betty Willis to move forward to seek approval from the city for the art at Cushman Trailhead Park.

Crist/Sullivan – unanimously approved?

Renee suggested that a long-term system plan be developed to better assist the GHAC with the placement of public art and the process involved. Renee said that she thought this could relieve some of the frustration and create a more efficient methodology for acquiring and placing public art in the city. She also spoke about a policy decision that could be introduced to City Council whereby a percentage of development costs could be earmarked for public art in the parks.

2. Chinese Artists - Reception: Betty thanked those commission members who helped make the reception and show a success and especially thanked Bob for his efforts in Betty's absence. Betty reported that she had met with Finance Director Dave Rodenbach and discussed guidelines and related requirements and restrictions for assisting a special event and/or a non profit. Dave stated that the city cannot reimburse for refreshments or lodging nor can it fund a program or event that has not been budgeted for. Staff time can be used for basic administrative tasks including taking meeting minutes unless otherwise budgeted for.

New Business

1. Grant Application for Asia Pacific Cultural Center: Betty said that she had discussed with Dave Rodenbach the grant process to help fund this event. Dave suggested the grant process for events such as this and recommended that it follow the GHAC's established process for awarding these funds. Dave recommended that this grant not move forward at this time since it is out of step with the existing grant guidelines' closing date for grant submittals even though an exception was made earlier this year when funds were awarded for the Drawing You In Program. It was suggested that a letter go out to the Patsy O'Connell regarding denial of her grant request.

It was agreed that the new grant deadline for 2007 should be January 19th.

Public Comment

Public comment was received from Parks Commission member Peter Hampl. Mr. Hampl's comments are included in the body of the minutes.

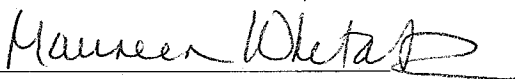
NEXT REGULAR MEETING RESCHEDULED FOR:

October 10, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Rooms A&B.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. –Willis/Woock – unanimously approved.

Respectively submitted: ,


Maureen Whitaker