



The City Of Gig Harbor Arts Commission

Minutes of the Gig Harbor Arts Commission Meeting Tuesday, August 8, 2006

Call to Order/Roll

The meeting was called to order by Chair Betty Willis at 7:10 PM.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The members read the minutes of the July 11, 2006 meeting.

MOTION: Approval of the July 11, 2006, meeting minutes as presented.
Kuhn/Dutton – unanimously approved.

Old Business

1. **“Drawing You In” Program – Review of Documentation:** Tabled until October meeting.

2. **Extension of Territory:** Betty reported she and Mary Rae Lund recently met with City Administrator Mark Hoppen to discuss the problem of awarding grants whose venues are located within Gig Harbor but outside the City limits. Mr. Hoppen stated it was his feeling this was not the original intent of the grant program and agreed that the 98332 and 98335 zip codes could be a viable option. After reviewing the language of the Grant Guidelines, he suggested that under the section “Program Purpose” to delete the word “within” the city of Gig Harbor, and replace with “of” Gig Harbor. This change will enable GHAC to consider Grant Applications where the event will be held with the boundaries of Gig Harbor and continue to benefit the general public of the City of Gig Harbor.

3. **Public Art – Cushman Trailhead Park:** Kit Kuhn provided a follow-up presentation about his idea of placing three moving art structures at the Cushman Trailhead Park entrance. Kit communicated the need for a 3-D conceptual model to be built that could illustrate what these mobiles should look like and how they should operate. He stated that he knew of an artist that could draw this and had already utilized some of her services for a small conceptual drawing. Kit said that he had discussed this project with a metal fabricator and it was suggested that steel should be used. There was a lengthy discussion about how the call for artists would be compiled. Many of the commission members agreed that this idea would need to be presented to City Council for their approval before the call could go out. Kit expressed that he thought that he had already received the go-ahead from commission members at the last meeting. Betty asked that this discussion be tabled until the next meeting since four commission members were not present.

There was also discussion about Kit’s meeting with Dave Brereton regarding park benches and bike racks. Kit had reviewed some of Dave’s commercial booklets and had flagged a few designs for the commission members to look at. Maureen was asked to make copies and forward to all commission members via email. There was discussion of having a call for artists for

benches rather than selecting from the booklets. Betty suggested that before a decision was reached, there should be input from all commission members. There was discussion about achieving some smaller accomplishments and this could be done through the purchasing of some "park jewelry."

New Business

1. Bogue View Point and Wilkerson Farm – Some of the commission members met one evening and toured these locations for the purpose of placement of public art. Mark Hoppen cautioned the group to make sure they understood the Wilkinson Family Farm story and the relevance of the existing landscaping. The barn has been closed since Mrs. Wilkinson died. There is a caretaker who currently lives in the white house on the property. There are two large ponds on the farm at the back of the house. During the evening the commissioners were impressed with the area and thought the removal of a hedge to the right of the entrance would open up the area and perhaps permit consideration of constructing a play area. At this time the city has not planned any improvements as other park properties are of greater priority. The commission members discussed the condition of the barn and if it was stable enough to be used for a venue. Maureen checked with Dave Brereton on this matter. Dave stated that in order to utilize the barn as a public venue, costly improvements would be required, including public restrooms and fire suppression. In its current condition, the barn's aging structure has only a dirt floor. There was discussion about placing art work around the barn door as an entrance to a venue. There had been no discussion about parking. Further discussion about the Bogue View Point was tabled until the October meeting.

3. Budget – Draft Submitted to David Rodenbach: Betty met with Finance Director David Rodenbach and presented the 2007 budget. She discussed some preliminary numbers with the commission members and will keep everyone posted through the budget process.

4. Reception for Chinese Artists September 14, 2006 – Betty Willis: Betty reported she, Robert Sullivan, Commissioner, Patsy O'Connell, Asia Pacific Cultural Center had arranged to meet with the new Gateway reporter Kaylan Kelly to discuss a publication in the Gateway addressing the upcoming reception for the Chinese Artists in the lobby of the Civic Center and the exhibition of their works from September 12 to September 21. Betty said that she would send out an email and let everyone know the outcome.

Public Comment

None.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING RESCHEDULED FOR:

September 26, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 9:01 P.M. –Arnold/Sullivan – unanimously approved.

Respectively submitted:


Maureen Whitaker