

Notes for the Minutes of the GHAC Meeting, June 12, 2007

Taken by Mary Rae Lund

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by Bob Sullivan

Commission Members Present:

Bob Sullivan, Karen Peck, Carolyn Scott Arnold, Ron Carson, Karla Epperson, Dale Strickland, Michael Jones, Mary Rae Lund

GHAC Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2007, were unanimously approved as presented.
Jones/Epperson

Topic/Agenda Item:

Donation of Artwork Policy Draft Review

Main Points Discussed: Bob Sullivan presented a document he prepared, for eventual presentation to the City of Gig Harbor, based on a similar document obtained by Ron Carson from the City of Auburn, titled "Donation of Artwork". A lengthy discussion ensued on the terms of the document. Commissioners expressed their general approval of the terms, but a number of suggestions for changes were made, and the document was edited accordingly. Item 4(h.) of the policy draft covers assumption of ownership by the City of donated artworks and the issue of clear title. That item led to further discussion of potential de-accession of artwork and concerns over the rights of artists to ownership in cases where the City decides to dispose of pieces considered no longer worthy of display. This discussion was tabled to a future meeting.

Recommendation/Action/Follow Up: The document was edited as per the suggestions, and Bob offered to prepare a revised draft which he will email to Commissioners for further input. Once Bob has received input from each member, he will prepare a final draft for approval.

Motion: Move that Bob Sullivan be authorized to revise the draft of the "Donation of Artwork" policy and present it to Commissioners via email for final approval prior to presentation of the document to the Gig Harbor City Council.
Jones/Epperson – unanimously approved.

Topic/Agenda Item:

Document, "Public Invitation to Display Art"

Main Points Discussed: The document was presented by Bob Sullivan for a quick review with focus on Part V. "Develop and Adopt a Written Policy". The document addresses the potential liability of the Arts Commission as a body when displaying public art and how to avoid legal problems. Bob informed Commissioners that this document has been sent to Carol Morris, Gig Harbor City Attorney for consideration.

Recommendation/Action:

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Assumption of Risk and Risk Management

Main Points Discussed: Bob presented an edited version of articles obtained from the Association of Washington Cities Risk Management Service Agency. A brief discussion followed regarding potential hazards that could result if the poles that are part of the bronze cormorant sculpture are used in its display, identifying hazards being the first essential step in risk management. Bob offered various options for displaying the sculpture that might reduce the hazards. If the poles have been treated with creosote, they may not be usable, and, if this is the case, the GHAC may be responsible for supplying poles for the sculpture's display. Bob informed us that the City is waiting for formal recommendation from the GHAC as to whether the bronze cormorant sculpture should be accepted.

Recommendation/Action:

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Bronze Cormorant donation and installation

Main Points Discussed: Bob informed commissioners that efforts to formalize the acceptance of the bronze cormorant are moving forward in tandem with the efforts to establish more comprehensive policies for the donation of artwork to the City and for risk management. A remaining concern is where to place the cormorant sculpture once it has been officially accepted. A discussion followed regarding three possible sites at the Estuary Park.

Recommendation/Action: Due to the lateness of the hour, the discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Commissioners were asked to revisit Estuary Park before the next meeting to reevaluate the three potential locations for the sculpture and to be prepared to discuss the merits and drawbacks of each site.

Topic/Agenda Item

T-Bird 50th Anniversary

Main Points Discussed: Bob presented a paper prepared by the Gig Harbor Historical Society.

Recommendation/Action: Commissioners were asked to read said paper and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting. How the GHAC will be involved in the Anniversary Celebration, and to what extent, are the questions to be discussed.

Topic/Agenda Item

RFQ Prospectus

Main Points Discussed: Tabled until next month's meeting

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Mission Statement Homework

Main Points Discussed: GHAC Commissioners were asked to work individually over the next month on creating a clear, concise mission statement and be ready to discuss the topic at the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Carson/Epperson 9:25 pm