

# CITY OF GIG HARBOR COMMITTEE OUTLINE MINUTES

## City of Gig Harbor Art Commission (Name of Committee, Board, Task Force, Commission)

Date: October 9, 2007      Time: 7:00 p.m.      Location: Engineering/Operations Conf Rm      Scribe: Maureen Whitaker

**Commission Members and Staff Present:** Bob Sullivan, Betty Willis, Carolyn Scott Arnold, Michael Jones, Ron Carson, Mayor Hunter, Maureen Whitaker, Assistant City Clerk.

**Excused:** Karla Epperson, Mary Rae Lund, Karen Peck, Dale Strickland

**Approval of the September 11, 2007, meeting minutes as presented. Jones/Willis – unanimously approved.**

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<b>New Business:</b>		
Guest: Mayor Chuck Hunter	<p>Mayor Hunter handed out a memorandum and packet of information that explained his recommendation for the placement and examples of 6 bronze pieces, which could be placed over the next 6 years.</p> <p>He described proposed future road improvements that may benefit from public art such as Judson Street that would tie into Pioneer and Harborview and entire Harborview corridor all the way to Donkey Creek. Mayor Hunter further added that placement of art on these streets needed to be well thought out. He shared his perspective regarding art placement in the city and encouraged the City of Gig Harbor and added that he liked realistic-type art like a statue; something recognizable and less abstract. Ms. Arnold cautioned about becoming too theme-o-matic.</p> <p>He suggested the monument signs and need</p>	<p>Mayor Hunter encouraged the GHAC to look at acquiring pieces of art of the same scale and quality as the Fishermen's Memorial at Jerisich Park. He further recommended to consider the city's history when procuring art and suggested the places as described in his memo. He suggested art at the following locations:</p> <p>Austin Estuary – wildlife theme  Donkey Creek – salmon theme  Bogue Viewing – At that would tie to Finholm District.  City Park  Wilkinson Park – agricultural theme  Art having a strong statement and life-sized, requiring little maintenance and vandal proof. He requested the commission to try to stay on "theme"</p> <p>Mayor Hunter For streetscape art – encouraged GHAC to become involved during the design process for those</p>

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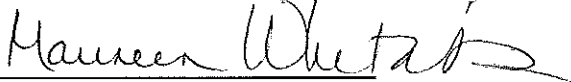
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	<p>to consider the service signs. He suggested that public works or a contractor could handle building the bases and suggested the sign portion of the entrance signs could be done by an artist.</p> <p>Mayor Hunter explained when the city finalizes the design for the park; it is possible to provide a prominent place for art to go. He shared the idea of a full-sized Thunderbird being there someday.</p> <p>Ms. Willis expressed her dissatisfaction with the in her last 7 years on the commission and stated that the only item that the GHAC has placed is the medallion at the Rotary Pavilion at Skansie Brothers Park. She expressed the capabilities of Bob Sullivan, as chair of the GHAC and stressed that the commissioners also appreciate the city and have worked very hard on this current commission to bring more art to the city, and further expressed feeling a little undermined. Ms. Willis explained to Mayor Hunter that a recent GHAC meeting, City Administrator Karlinsey suggested that the commission think about placing art in downtown areas rather than solely the parks and presented a PowerPoint presentation showing are in other cities' downtown areas. She said that the direction that is being delivered is confusing and places that GHAC in a quandary. Mr. Sullivan suggested that there are many materials that will withstand vandalism and budget.</p> <p>There was further discussion about multiple pieces versus fewer substantial pieces. Mr. Carson discussed his experience while on the Arts Commission in Auburn and the</p>	<p>projects in the CIP (Capital Improvement Projects).</p>
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	development of the art portfolio of art pieces in Auburn. He stated that the one thing that became evident as they started accumulating more pieces, in order to develop a well-rounded portfolio or work, you need a little of this and that; different sizes in order that it appeals to everyone.	
2007 Budget Balance	Commission Chair Sullivan spoke about his recent discussion with City Administrator Rob Karlinsey. Mr. Karlinsey stated that the current public art fund balance is \$90,000. They further discussed the proposed Granum benches for Eddon Boat Park and other proposed public art and its locations	Mr. Karlinsey recommended that these public art funds be utilized in 2008.
City Council Staff Report I. a. '08 Budget Request	<p>Commission Chair Sullivan also had the discussion with Mr. Karlinsey regarding the '08 Budget request of \$158,000 for public art. Mr. Karlinsey stated that Mayor Hunter was supportive of \$50,000. The commission discussed revising/reducing the '08 Public Art request.</p> <p>Mr. Sullivan stated that the current '08 Budget request included \$30,000 for Grants and \$1,500 for website support.</p> <p>Mr. Sullivan also discussed with Mr. Karlinsey the replacement of the 4 Entrance Sign(s) into Gig Harbor.</p>	<p>For the budget presentation to City Council, Mr. Sullivan suggested presenting a few specific cut steel photos along with the proposed Granum benches and Tom Torrens salmon sculpture.</p> <p>Mr. Sullivan recommended replacing 1 entrance sign per year starting with the sign at the top of Stinson and Pioneer.</p>
b. Torrens Purchase & Placement	Mr. Sullivan discussed the Torrens salmon sculpture that would be presented to City Council for approval at the Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup> meeting.	If approved, the sculpture would be commissioned similar to the one designed for the SalmonChanted auction piece and placed at the edge of sidewalk at Donkey Creek Park.

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c. Other Public Art Purchases, Images & Placement	<p>There were multiple discussions regarding public art. Mr. Sullivan stated that the Granum basalt benches would also be presented to City Council at the Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.</p> <p>The commissioners suggested that we provide examples with price tags to City Council of bronzes and other suitable materials for public art.</p> <p>Also discussed was the 1% for public art.</p>	<p>If approved, the benches would be commissioned similar to the photos and placed on the concrete pads at Eddon Boat Park.</p> <p>The commission expressed the importance of being involved in any capital improvement projects, such as Harborview Drive and Judson Street.</p> <p><b>MOTION: Move approval of the</b> recommendation for purchase of two Doug Granum polished and cut basalt stone benches to be presented to City Council for approval as soon as possible. Jones/Willis – unanimously approved.</p>
d. 5-year Budget Plan	Mr. Karlinsey recommended that the GHAC have a 5-year budget plan.	Ms. Willis suggested that a 3-year plan might work better since the tenure of the GHAC is 3 years.
e. Mission Statement	Tabled until next meeting.	
III. Call to Artist Document	Review of final reiterations were discussed.	Clean-up and send back for approval at the next meeting, then to Carol Morris for her final approval.
<b>Old Business:</b>		
I. Webpage Update	<p>Ms. Willis stated that she was finalizing the grant application and will provide to Kay Truitt who would forward to HarborNet to create an online fill-in type application. The commissioners reviewed and made applicable recommendations.</p> <p>The grant guidelines will be also updated</p>	The 2008 grant application and guidelines will be uploaded to the website by Thanksgiving.

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V. Stuart Bonney Letter Update	Betty stated that Mr. Bonney had to gain approval and signatures authorizing this donation from other estate stake holders.	On-hold until approved by estate stake holders.
VI. RFQ Review and Final Approval	More recommendations were discussed.	Commission Chair Sullivan asked the members to take one more look at the document for finalization and approval at the next meeting.
VII. Selection Committee Document Review		Ms. Arnold will resend document for members review.
<p>Motion for adjournment: Jones/Carson unanimously approved. 9:40 p.m.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Maureen Whitaker</p>		

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