



GIG HARBOR ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: September 11, 2012
TIME: 5:30 pm
LOCATION: Executive Conference Room
SCRIBE: Lita Dawn Stanton
MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlee Glock-Jackson, Tracy von Trotha, Martha Reisdorf, Juleen Murray Shaw, Jeni Woock, Neil Sampson, Dale Strickland, Mardie Rees
STAFF PRESENT: Lita Dawn Stanton
MINUTES: Approval of GHAC Jun 12, 2012 Minutes with corrections (Woock/Glock-Jackson)

Anne Knapp representing the Peninsula Art League (PAL) announced the Plein Air Painting Group Show. Invitation made to the Arts Commission to participate in the community event by acting as jurors for the Oct 6 event. Two commissioners volunteered - Friday, October 5 at 6pm.

Knapp also provided update on Arts Alliance, inviting Commissioners to attend Oct 18 meeting. Currently the group is fund-raising \$50,000 for Project Feasibility Report by Julie Gustanski. Project cost currently estimated between \$30 to \$50 million over next six years. Peninsula School District may partner on shared parking since they have plans to construct new elementary school in the area.

Old Business

1. PUBLIC ART / MARITIME PIER UPDATE

DISCUSSION

Ribbon-cutting ceremony for opening of Maritime Pier scheduled September 24. Fund-raising for bronze Man with a Fish statue "*The Catch*" is underway. Commissioners asked that the final work be consistent with Commissioner's recommended conditions that was approved by City Council on February 13, 2012.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP

Staff will follow-up and report back to Commission.

2. WA STATE ARTS COMMISSION UPDATE

DISCUSSION

Eddon Beach restoration is nearing completion. Uplands will be phased in early 2013. Placement of art will follow.

3. OUTDOOR GALLERY PROGRAM

DISCUSSION

The Commission discussed the stainless steel plate and "rusting" that has appeared since installation of the McJunkin work. Strickland reminded group that aging "patinas" were not prohibited during the review process. (Basalt will redden with age.)

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP

Von Trotha will check with welder and artist to ascertain if 2-year display cycle and incompatible steel grades could damage the base plate.

4. MEDIA MEET & GREET

DISCUSSION

Tentative July sub-committee meeting was cancelled. Sub-committee members were reconfirmed (Wook, Shaw, Sampson, Glock-Jackson, von Trotha, Rees) to organize public “*Social Media Workshop*”. The target date is January 2013.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP

Sub-committee meeting rescheduled 1pm - Tuesday, October 30, at Java and Clay.

5. PIONEER CORNER CLOCK PROJECT

DISCUSSION

As with the Pioneer Corner location, the proposed Devoted Kiss courtyard is also private property and may be unsuitable for placement of the clock. As an alternative, staff reported that the Gig Harbor Historic Waterfront Association (GHHWA) has recommended locating the clock within the Bogue Viewing Platform (northeast corner). Strickland suggested that as long as this public right-of-way location does not interfere with the previously recommended placement of public art in 2008-9, GHHWA's proposal was acceptable. Strickland stated that the intent approved the Commission over 4 years ago was to place a Scandinavian-associated public artwork of tile, glass or ceramic within the large landscape area on the southwest side of the Bogue Viewing Platform. \$25,000 was appropriated from the Public Art Fund prior to the spending freeze. Strickland requested that the “Scandinavian Art Project” be added to December's Agenda. Strickland is available to serve another term in support of completing this project. Staff will report on “term limits” and Strickland's offer to volunteer beyond his 2nd term.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP

Staff will work with GHHWA and report back to the Commission on Public Works' input on the feasibility of a Bogue Viewing Platform location for the clock. Staff will also confirm term limits for Commission members.

New Business

1. 2013 BUDGET REQUEST

DISCUSSION

A formal letter of request for \$20,000 in 2013 funds to reactivate the Arts Commission Grant Program was reviewed and will be submitted to City Council prior to their November Budget Review meetings. If accepted, Commission will initiate Special Meeting to develop schedule to fast-track the *call for applications* and grant review process.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP

Staff will report on preliminary feed-back from Council.

2. AGENDA ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP

Reisdorf request to add “Sculpture Walking Brochure” to the December Agenda.

Public Announcements

No meetings scheduled in Oct or Nov. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, **Dec 11, 2012.**