



GIG HARBOR ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: December 10, 2013
TIME: 5:35 pm
LOCATION: Executive Conference Room
SCRIBE: Lita Dawn Stanton
MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlee Glock-Jackson, Tracy von Trotha, Martha Reisdorf, Jeni Woock, Dale Strickland, Mardie Rees, Janine Miller (Neil Sampson, excused)
STAFF PRESENT: Lita Dawn Stanton
MINUTES: Approval of GHAC Sep 10, 2013 Minutes with changes (Glock-Jackson/Woock)

Commissioner von Trotha added Netshed Art Project Update to Agenda.

Old Business

1. NETSHED ART PROJECT

DISCUSSION

Anne Knapp reported that City Hall has been reserved for Netshed Show (May 1 to June 16, 2014). There will be no awards or jurying in. Participants must be a PAL member. Historic Preservation Planner Stanton will provide background materials and posters in coordination with PAL for the event. Wa State History Museum has new display space venue that could facilitate a Netshed Show in 2014 (after the May 1 event).

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP.

Kanpp will continue with updates. Arts Commission may participate. Add to Mar 2014 Agenda for discussion.

2. EDDON BOAT PARK ART

DISCUSSION

Staff reported that a ribbon-cutting for the granite sculptures will be combined with the DOE NFA (no further action) for the site clean-up and beach restoration completions.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP

Formal event will be scheduled sometime in Feb / Mar 2014 and include Arts Commissioners and the artist, Verena Schwippert.

3. MEDIA MEET & GREET

DISCUSSION

Glock-Jackson reported that the next workshop "How to Build and Maintain a Website" will be facilitated by Commissioner Sampson.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP

As the Commissions "expert" on this subject, Sampson will determine schedule and event details. Move to Mar 2014 Agenda.

4. OUTDOOR GALLERY PROGRAM CALL FOR ARTISTS

DISCUSSION

Staff reported that there have been no calls or submittals. It is posted with no close-date.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP

Continue with staff updates.

5. OUTDOOR ART / SELF-GUIDED TOUR

DISCUSSION

Waterfront Alliance Organization has printed another run of downtown maps.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP

Commissioner Rees will follow-up with Alliance in an effort to catch them prior to their next print-run so public art information can be added.

6. PLAYZONE AT CITY PARK

DISCUSSION

Brett DeSantis was not able to attend the meeting - staff provided update. Old play structure is being demolished. Installation of new structure is expected in January with formal ribbon-cutting delayed until spring.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP

Add to Mar 2014 Agenda

New Business

1. PUBLIC ART AT BOGUE VIEWING PLATFORM – RANK PROPOSALS

DISCUSSION

All commissioners present confirmed receipt of artists' proposal packets (8 artists). Each proposal was scored (1 thru 5 pts) based on four criteria: theme (Scandinavian), quality, creativity, and experience. Work by Stuart Nakamura entitled "Memory Vessel" with shield was the top-scoring proposal. However, the group expressed concern that the shield element in Nakamura's sculpture may appear too "Asian" in nature. The Commission requested that staff communicate this concern with the artist and ask if he would consider refining the shield to better reflect traditional Scandinavian design.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP

Staff will notify Nakamura and request refinements that better reflect the Scandinavian theme in the shield element, a color palette, and materials list. Assuming the artist is willing to revise the shield details and provide the additional information – and that it is acceptable with staff, Nakamura's proposal will be added to City Council's Jan 13, 2014 Agenda for final approval.

Public Announcements

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, **March 11, 2014.**