



**LAKWOOD ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**
Date: Monday, March 6, 2017
Time: 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Lakewood City Hall Room 3A
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Ed Kane called the meeting to order at 4:40pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Arts Commission Members Present:

Susan Coulter, Kathy Flores, Robert Fox, Ed Kane, Peggy Leach, Barbara Vest, Retha Hayward, Phillip Raschke, Chelsea Roberts, and Tony Lamb

Staff: Dennis Higashiyama Recreation Coordinator, Cameron Fairfield Office Assistant

Youth Council Liaison: Diana Carney, Absent

Council Liaison: Marie Barth

Arts Commission Member Absent:

John Munn, Connie Perra, Maria Villalpando Romas, and Bob Lawrence

Guest: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Susan Coulter moved and Barbara Vest seconded the motion to approve the minutes from February 6, 2017, meeting. The motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Recruitment: There is one position on the Arts Commission. The commission is still reaching out to community members to fill the space.

RFP Gravelly Lake and Washington: Dennis Higashiyama gave an update in the Gravelly Lake and Washington site for art. The selection panel meeting is set for Monday March 13th at Lakewood City Hall 6:30pm.

City Hall Art Exhibit: Barbara Vest brought in the artwork of Carol Boughton to display to the Arts Commission. Barbara gave a brief background of Carol noting her artistic approach. The Commission discussed their needs in relation to the City Hall art exhibit. Retha Heyward made a motion to display the artwork at Lakewood City Hall. Kathy Flores seconded the motion. The motion passes.

Future Sponsored Events: Susan Coulter received confirmation from the American Legion Band about the August 20th concert at American Lake Park. Susan Coulter is working on an event plan which will be presented at a future meeting date.

Permanent Art Collection: Ed Kane led a discussion about the potential creation of a permanent art collection. The Commission discussed creating selection criteria that would be used to grade the pieces to better make a recommendation to council. Jason Whalen will give a future report on the funding for this project. A subcommittee was formed to work on this project. The subcommittee was formed Barbara Vest, Robert Fox, and Chelsea Roberts. The committee will report back in the May meeting.

Motor Ave Possibilities: Dennis Higashiyama encouraged the committee to review the pre-construction drawings of the area so that they can choose the best fitting pieces for the site. Kathy Flores is going to look at possible dates for the commission to visit the site.

NEW BUSINESS:

MayFEST: The Lakewood Arts Commission has been invited to present at Lakewood Gardens. The event would take place May 9th – May 14th. There will be a sign in sheet at the next meeting to see who is available to help with the setup/take down of the event.

Press Releases: Ed Kane led a discussion about using press releases to improve our community outreach. Ed recently had a press release published in the Suburban Times. This is a cost effective way to spread the word and gain legitimacy within the Lakewood Community. The commission discussed a potential brochure that can be displayed around the community.

AC Talking Points for Presentations: Ed Kane handed out a document to the commission members that highlight the importance of the Arts Commission. The members are encouraged to review the document and present feedback.


Budget: Dennis Higashiyama will be providing a proposed budget for the 2017 Lakewood's Arts Commission. Members are encouraged to bring proposed event budgets to the next meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:


Pierce County Reads: Dennis handed out a flyer for the Pierce County Reads event. This year's book is "Grunt" by Mary Roach.

Lakewood History Museum Art Display: Ed Kane presented an opportunity to take over a display at the Lakewood History Museum. If this offer is accepted, the commission would be responsible for furnishing the display for the foreseeable future.

ADJOURNMENT: Susan Coulter moved and Phillip Raschke seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passes. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.



Barbara Vest, Vice Chair



Cameron Fairfield, Staff Liaison