



**LAKWOOD ARTS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING Minutes**  
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 Time: 5:00PM – 6:15 PM  
Lakewood City Hall, American Lake Room  
6000 Main Street SW Lakewood, WA 98499

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Arts Commission Members Present:** Linda McDermott, Earl Borgert, Bill Elder, Lani Neil, Julie Powers, Tod Wolf, Darryl Owens, Phil Raschke, Kat Flores

**Staff:** Sally Martinez, Recreation Coordinator, Nicolette York, Office Assistant

**Youth Council Liaison:** Excused-Spring Break

**Council Liaison:** Jason Whalen

**Arts Commission Members Excused:** Adriana Bayer, Pattie Belle

**Guests:** Vincent Vaielua and Manny. Jodi Landon, art teacher from St. Francis Cabrini.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Earl Borgert moved to approve the March 4, 2019 minutes as written. Lani Neil seconded. MPU.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Vincent and Manny are opening the Dream Center in Lakewood on June 1. Vincent grew up in Lakewood and worked with City of Tacoma in capacity building to serve high risk youth. He is the son of Lua who runs the Asia Pacific Cultural Center. The Dream Center will focus on serving Pacific Islanders in skill building (barbershop, t-shirt making, barista, etc.) arts, culture and providing mentors. He is interested in applying to be on the Arts Commission and being very involved with the City.

Jodi Landon is the art teacher from St. Francis Cabrini. Her students will create food themed art for a student art show opening day, June 4, at the Farmers Market. They will also create art to hang on the walls at City Hall starting in April. There was discussion about having a SummerFEST art contest. They could create an 8 1/2 x 11 flier for entry to contest and use the Greatest Showman as the theme.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Recruitment and Appointments:** 4 openings

**Film Makers Festival:** Linda

All the films could be shown at the Lakewood AMC. The manager was very enthusiastic. The film makers, if they can put it on a laptop, they can show it on the screen. Not limited to a specific medium which is very good. But the venue can only hold 100 people per theatre and they offered two theatres. So first come first serve may be a way to navigate that. Another "pro" of the venue is people coming could use the concessions, so we would not have to coordinate the food. We also would not have to do the clean-up.

A good timeframe is January – April. We don't want to conflict with any existing film festivals. FAB is Sept. 13, 14, 15, City of Tacoma has a film festival in October.

We will come up with a theme as a commission. The idea is to invite people to participate in making a short film that would conform to the theme.

Next step is to do our homework and fact finding. Linda is trying to schedule a meeting with the Director of the Tacoma Film Festival. The committee will research how to get started, what has worked well for other festivals, and what hasn't worked. Bill offered to help put together a calendar of other film festival events if members email him, so we know what else is happening in the area at that time.

Kat has a contact at Bates College. City of Tacoma has TV Tacoma. The Grand does not put restrictions on who can enter or where they live. Then they sell tickets to the family members and community to view the films. Would there be an award? Tod Wolf judges fair photos. There is an international category. He found that people internationally submitted art work.

As a commission we could establish a theme. Could have a people's choice award they cast after seeing the film. There would be a registration fee. The following members offered to be on a subcommittee. Tod Wolf, Linda, Lani is a maybe, Kat, Phil, and Bill. The team agreed that having meeting via email works well if everyone can't meet in person. Linda will follow up.

**Public Art:** Colonial Plaza RFP closes April 4<sup>th</sup>. The members of the stakeholders group will score the art individually and submit the scores on April 23. The final stake holders in-person meeting will take place April 24 at which time they will discuss and come to agreement on several recommendations which will be presented to the Arts Commission at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Summer Concerts:** Changed the time to 7:00-8:30. Reviewed the Banner created by Patti, Sally will have it made. Discussed having a plan B back up list of bands. A Sound tech is \$300 per band. However this is not going to be offered because there is only \$300 left in the concert budget. This will be used to have the sound tech do a thorough report of our equipment so the bands know what to expect. The committee is looking into getting food: Kettle corn and Tijuana taco. Jason will ask council about having a beer garden. Shout out to Patti for banner design!

**Rotating Art:** Lani -We will need new art in September, so look into doing an RFP in June. Still need an art reception partner, Lani and Linda will talk to Victoria Clark who owns Design Gallery to see if she will host a reception.

**MLK Committee:** Looking for guest speakers. The event has been moved to February 1st for Black History Month. The goal is to have the ceremony and then several activities throughout the month.

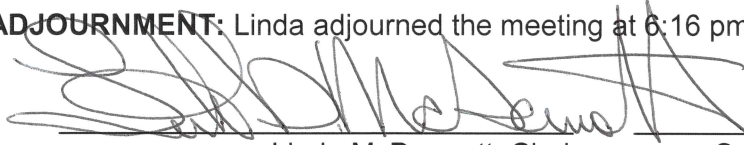

**Christmas Tree Lighting Event:** Sally gave sponsorship power point presentation. The event will be held on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**Council Comments: None**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Monday, May 6, 2019 @ 5:00 pm – City Hall  
American Lake Room**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Linda adjourned the meeting at 6:16 pm.

  
Linda McDermott, Chair  
Sally Martinez, Recreation Coordinator