



**LAKEWOOD ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING Minutes**
Date: Monday, October 7, 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 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Arts Commission Members Present: Linda McDermott, Earl Borgert, Adriana Bayer, Patti Belle, Bill Elder, Kat Flores, Lani Neil, Tod Wolf, Darryl Owens, Phil Raschke

Arts Commission Members Unexcused: Paige Hansen

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

Youth Council Liaison: none

Council Liaison: Jason Whalen, absent

Guests: Grant Twyman, Susan Warner, Judy Swortz, Jessica Muschek, Tina Wade

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Darryl Owens moved to approve the September 9, 2019 minutes as written. Patti Bell seconded. MPU.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Recruitment and Appointments: Two positions remain open. Judy Swortz & Susan Warner are to be confirmed by Council 10.7. This puts us at 13 members. Julie Powers did not re-up her term.

Joint Commission Meeting: The members practiced their talking points for Joint Commission Mt. Oct. 14. Jason Whalen was asked for feedback about the proposed questions. Mr. Whalen suggested asking the following questions: Are there things we aren't doing that you think we should be doing? If we did those tasks, what could be expected in term of resources? Are there other big development projects we should know about to prepare for public art? Jason informed us that only 5 council members will be present. He and the Mayor will not be there. Those who will attend the Joint Commission Meeting are: Adriana Bayer, Bill Elder, Darryl Owens, Earl Borgert, Judy Schwartz, Kat Flores, Linda McDermott, Paige Hansen, Patti Bell, Susan Warner, Tod Wolf, Sally Martinez. Patti will fill in for Tod if he can't make it.

Public Art Committee: Colonial Plaza Update: Sally said that Perri will be holding a meeting at City Hall on October 16th at 5:00-6:00pm in the American Lake Room. This is a public meeting so everyone is welcome to attend. She will present a more refined version of her design based on feedback from the last meeting.

Rotating Art: Because the first artist in the partnership with Lakewold artist is on hold, Sally placed a notice on the Tacoma Artist Listserve for artists to display art at City Hall. She got an excellent response. The first artist is a nature photographer, Jennelle Marcereau. She was just featured in South Sound Magazine and has a gallery in Tacoma. She will hang her art from October – December. A second artist will show from Dec-February. Susan will meet with Lani to discuss the joint partnership with Lakewold and to schedule a workshop. Adrianna mentioned it is National Hispanic Heritage Month and raised concern that we are lacking inclusiveness for our diverse population. She asked the commission if we can start this discussion dialogue and be more inclusive of our diversity. At the school district level there is discussion about deep equity and inclusion. What role do we play in that? When the commission solicits art, let's keep this top of mind. Jody expressed that art is not just 2 dimensional; it can include cultural dress, landscape, and so much more. Judy and Susan were encouraged to join the Rotating Art Committee and Adrianna as well. As it stands Lani is the only member. Adrianna asked if we should create a statement of what we are trying to achieve. At school district conversation is about deep equity.

Original Artists Film Festival: In planning for the 2020 work plan and proposing a new original artist film festival, Linda said she was able to secure 300 seats at the AMC theatre for an excellent rate. She is looking at Nov. 14th from 10:30-12:30 for the film festival screening. In addition, we can use the lobby area for an awards ceremony and they will sell concessions.

Linda and Sally visited the McChord Library teen film club last month to observe their work and get first-hand feedback about implementing an original artist film festival. They were shown a 7 minute film that the students made over the summer (in six weeks) that was outstanding. Their teacher, Jessica came today as a guest and presented her experience working with the youth to create short films. She confirmed that the original film festival was something of great interest to her 15-20 students who come weekly, and an exciting prospect that her students were looking forward to participating in.

Grant Twyman, guest, said that he is working with students to create 7 minute video on "National conversations at the local level; past, present and future. They will film and interview at City Hall and other local venues.

Linda suggested devoting 20 minutes of each meeting moving forward to working on the independent film festival as an entire commission.

MLK Event Update: Phil explained that there was a dialogue at the MLK Committee meeting about the MLK Essays and the question was raised if they are still relevant. Because writing is a format that does not resonate with all students, perhaps there should be a more inclusive format to include videos, art, poetry, dance, etc. It was widely agreed that it is time to refresh this component. The details still need to be worked out.

Holiday Committee: Linda explored ice carvers, but found they are too expensive. Sally secured Entertainment Masters to provide carnival games under the City 20x30 tent and kids karaoke. This is in an effort to keep families at City hall from the time children visit Santa, until the parade. Sally

ordered all of the crafts, Santa gifts, and snowflake wands for the jingle bell dash. Sally said that all the vendor spaces inside and out are full. Food trucks have been secured. The sub-committee will meet Oct. 28th at 4:30. At that time will discuss judging of parade, prizes, how many ornaments to order, and format of tree lighting. Also Tod would like to know if a children's choir can sing before the tree lighting and his wife will sing the national anthem. Sally will call Tod tomorrow to discuss the pros and cons. Darryl said that Marcus Rogers, is the emcee/host of the Steilacoom Christmas event and would like to ask him to emcee our parade. Linda asked Darryl to ask him if we can send him the parade applications so he can put the narratives in his own words to make it easier to announce. Daryl wants to invite him to the next subcommittee meeting and the next Arts Commission meeting.

Linda mentioned we need a raised platform of some kind for the Marcus to do the announcing.

Council Comments: None

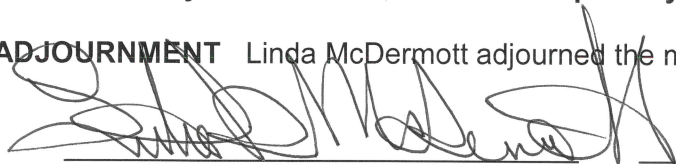
Board Comments: None

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, October 14, 2019 @ 7:00 pm City Hall, Council Chambers

Monday, November 4, 2019 at 5:00 pm City Hall, American Lake Room

ADJOURNMENT Linda McDermott adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.



Linda McDermott, Chair



Sally Martinez, Recreation Coordinator