



**LAKWOOD ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING Minutes**
Date: Monday, February 1, 2021 Time: 5:00PM – 6:15 PM
Virtual Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE:

Arts Commission Members Present: Linda McDermott, Earl Borgert, Adriana Bayer, Paige Hansen, Lani Neil, Darryl Owens, Susan Warner, Phil Raschke

Arts Commission Members Excused: Patti Belle, Lua Pritchard

Youth Council Liaison: Angel Lee- present, Estaban Panangelinan-absent, Kayala Purdie-absent, Arianie Eperson- present

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

Council Liaison: Jason Whalen

Guest: Kelly Pajek Director of creative art at 4 Culture.

Continuing Education: Linda welcomed Kelly Pajek, Director for public art at 4 Culture, Seattle. She has over 20 years' experience working on high profile, large scale temporary and permanent public art nationwide. Kelly presented a Power Point presentation with information about 4 Culture, different programs areas, the gallery in Pioneer Square and the value of public art. Public art can reflect a community and give community pride. It can make connections. Public art can be an economic driver and creates cultural tourism. She shared an example of art at the SeaTac airport. The dollars that we spend don't just go to the artist, there are other jobs for engineers, lighting, fabricators and installers. She shared many examples of types of public art. She brought up partnerships to make public art dollars go further. She highlighted that artists can affect social change or highlight larger social issues. She discussed an artist developed master plan to discuss how creative projects can move through the community. She highlighted some best practices. Make sure the process to select artist is fair, inclusive, consistent. Be transparent about this process. Diffuse controversy. Think about what you can do to make the art extraordinary and create cultural experiences. Make sure that artists are paid fairly for their work. Susan Warner asked Kelly, "What is the greatest lesson you have learned over that you would be willing to share?" Kelly said she probably had many but what came to mind was Don't underestimate what artists can do and what they are capable of. Be open about what the opportunity is. Sometimes when projects are too tightly scoped it might not offer an opportunity for an artist to be as inventive as they can be. The board thanked Kelly for her time and presentation.

Approval of Minutes: Adriana Bayer moved to approve the January 4, 2021 minutes and Susan Warner seconded. MPU.

Appointments: Sylvi Johnson's application is still pending.

Unfinished Business:

Committees: Linda reviewed the new sub committees. Members are more than welcome to be on either or both.

Public Art subcommittee: (includes Colonial Plaza Art, Utility Box wraps, Special Events, Rotating art) Lead Earl Borgert, Darryl Owens, Jason Whalen, Lani Neil, Patti Belle, Susan Warner.

Performing Arts subcommittee: (Includes Film Festival, Special Events, Summer Concert Series) Lead Linda McDermott, Lani Neil, Lua Prichard, Paige Hansen, Adriana Bayer, Phil Raschke)

Public Art Committee Reports:

Colonial Plaza Art update: Linda advised that Sally will be making a presentation to council on February 8th to review the plan for the art at the colonial plaza. The budget is \$90,000. It is going to be a call to artists from a state list. The subcommittee will review and select 3 artists to make a presentation to council.

Utility Box Wrap Update: Earl reviewed the utility box plan. The subcommittee still needs to determine which boxes will be selected. There is only enough money in the budget for two wraps to start. Sally will be working on sending out a call to artists soon. Looking into other funding options. Jason Whalen asked about meeting with Sally to see if we can get a few more utility boxes. Another subcommittee meeting will be scheduled. Earl asked for the board to keep a look out for the best locations for the utility wraps to be placed.

Performing Arts: No updates as the film festival is tabled. The summer concert series bands have already been selected.

25th Anniversary Art Contest: The deadline has been extended to February 15th. Please spread the word. The contest is open to local artists. <https://cityoflakewood.us/25th-anniversary-art-contest/> Paige will send out to other Facebook groups. Susan said Lakewood Gardens will share with their constituents. Susan asked about sending out to the listserv. Adriana will ask the district to send out again now that elementary is going back to in person learning and kids will have access to materials.

Mural project: There is thought to create a moveable mural. Lakewood Multicultural Coalition (LMCC) has contributed \$2,500. Pierce College has contributed \$500. The project still needs additional funding.

Council Comments: None

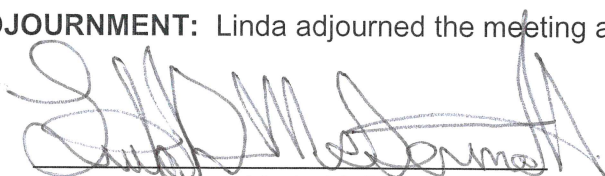
Board Comments:


Paige loves the new shelter near Waughop Lake at Fort Steilacoom Park and is looking forward to busking there. She can't wait to be out and singing again.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, March 1, 2021 at 5:00 pm via Zoom

ADJOURNMENT: Linda adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.


Linda McDermott, Chair


Sally Martinez, Recreation Coordinator