

LAKEWOOD ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING Minutes

Date: Monday, April 3, 2023 Time: 5:00PM - 6:15 PM

In Person and Virtual Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Emily Feleen called the meeting to order at 5:04p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Arts Commission Members Present: Emily Feleen- Chair, Earl Borgert- Vice-Chair, Paige Hansen, Sylvi Johnson, Lani Neil, Darryl Owens, Lua Pritchard, Phil Raschke

Arts Commission Members Excused: Adriana Serrianne, Darwin Peters, Susan Warner

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

Council Liaison: Patti Belle

Guests: Councilmember Trestin Lauricella, Juan La Torre, Maurico Robinano

Approval of Minutes: Lani Neil motioned to approve the January 9, 2023 Minutes. Earl Borgert seconded. MPU.

New Business:

Mural Presentation:

Juan La Torre presented his idea for a mural which included seven people of different cultural backgrounds including: Asian, Middle Eastern, Native American, Hawaiian, White, Black, Latino and three Lakewood buildings including City Hall, Thornewood Castle and Lakewood Theater. The commission expressed concerns about the cultures represented and the way they were drawn but they did like the concept.

The commission discussed if they wanted to choose Juan La Torre and work with him on the design or open a call to artists to see other work. The commission decided that a subcommittee meeting would be needed to discuss it further.

Art Review Process: Sally Martinez shared that some inappropriate quotes were on the Gateway Arcs due to not having a formal review process in place. The commission agreed that anything written needs to have approval by the City. This was a valuable learning experience and not we will have a process in place now. Councilmember Trestin Lauricella recommend that all content be reviewed by the City and final payment of services be tied to that. The review process needs to be communicated to the public. Emily Feleen suggested a communication plan.

Unfinished Business:

Artist Reception: Mauricio Robalino invited everyone to the Artist Reception on Monday April 17th and reminded them to look at the new art in the hallway featuring Mauricio Robalino, River Meschi, and Laura Martinez.

Signal box wraps: The commission reviewed the submissions and locations. The locations for this round included: 96th & South Tacoma Way, 112th & Bridgeport, 100th & South Tacoma Way, Steilacoom & Bridgeport, Steilacoom & Gravelly Lake, Steilacoom & Hageness, Steilacoom & Lakeview, 88th & South Tacoma Way and Steilacoom & South Tacoma Way. The commission decided to have a subcommittee meeting to decide on the artists that would be selected.

Board Comments: None

NEXT MEETING:

Artist Reception, Monday, March 17, 2023 at 5:30 pm at City Hall

Regular Arts Commission Meeting on Monday, May 8^{th} at 5:30 p.m. in the American Lake Room at Lakewood City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Earl Borgert, Vice-Chair

Sally Martinez, Recreation Coordinator