



**LAKEWOOD ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING Minutes
Date: Monday, May 8, 2023 Time: 5:00PM – 6:15 PM
In Person and Virtual Zoom Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

Earl Borgert called the meeting to order at 5:04p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Arts Commission Members Present: Earl Borgert - Vice-Chair, Adriana Serrienne, Paige Hansen, Sylvi Johnson, Lani Neil, Darryl Owens, Phil Raschke

Arts Commission Members Excused: Emily Feleen- Chair, Darwin Peters, Lua Pritchard, Susan Warner

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

Council Liaison: Patti Belle

Approval of Minutes: Lani Neil motioned to approve the April 3, 2023 Minutes. Adriana Serrienne seconded. MPU.

New Business:

Original Artist Music Event for 2024:

Paige Hansen presented an idea to have an original artist music event in 2024. This would be a way to grow art and the music scene. The event could have 7 or 8 completely unsigned bands. They would be able to sell their cd's and band merchandise. A sound tech person would need to be hired. Each band could be paid a small stipend. Darryl Owens asked if the bands would want to put out a tip jar. Sally Martinez advised that we would pay a higher stipend in lieu of allowing donations. Councilmember Patti Belle had concerns about bands being vetted, content review process and if there is staff capacity to do this. Sally Martinez said that we could ask for a Lodging Tax Grant to contract with someone who has vetted artists and make sure there was specific language for no profanity.

Unfinished Business:

Artist Reception Follow Up: The Artist Reception on Monday April 17th featured artists Mauricio Robalino, River Meschi, and Laura Martinez. There were 63 people in attendance making it the largest one to date. Maureese Itson played the saxophone. Earl Borgert commented that it was phenomenal and that we should have him play at every reception. Sally Martinez thanked the Commission for supporting the artists.

Signal box wraps Update: The artists that were selected for this round of signal boxes have all been contacted. The Commission reviewed the designs. There will be opportunity for the Military box and other submissions next year. Lani Neil commented that it is nice to review the submissions at a meeting. Phil Raschke and Earl Borgert agreed.

Mural Next Steps: The restroom building at Fort Steilacoom will be the location for the mural. The Commission was asked to review the Tacoma Mural Artist rosters. Sally Martinez selected 6 artist to review. Team Liam Miller and Bethany Fracell, Savannah Jane O'Malley, Daniel Hunter, Jorge Mota, Perry Porter and Nofo Porter. The commission decided that they also want to see work from other artists and recommend artists they know who may be interested. Sally asked that the Commission email her their choices.

Talking Points, how public art is funded: Sally Martinez reviewed the following statement from the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Mary Dodsworth: The City of Lakewood is a livable, resilient, and inclusive community that embraces and celebrates diversity. Our Public Art program helps contributes to a healthy and vibrant community. The City incorporates public art in a variety of ways to include static displays, music and entertainment in city buildings, on public property and at community events. Funding for public art is provided in a variety of ways. The City has a public art fund that is funded with revenues collected by various groups using "City Days" at the McGavick Conference Center at the Clover Park Technical College. Other funds (general fund allocations, grants, donations and sponsorships) are added to the public art fund when available to support special projects. The City Council appropriates the funds and authorizes all expenditures for public art. The Commission agreed that it was great to have this information.

Public Art Policy: The public art policy will go to Council in November. A subcommittee needs to meet to update the policy before then.

REEL LIFE 96: Sally Martinez advised that we can apply for Lodging Tax Grant Funds for next year to support the event. Even with contracting out, this is still a lot of work for staff.

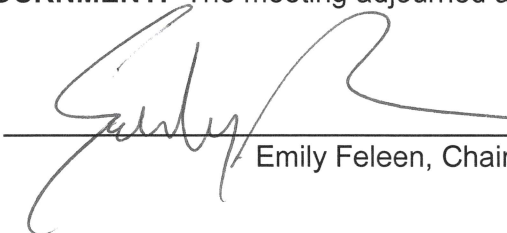
Board Comments: None

NEXT MEETING:

Regular Arts Commission Meeting on Monday, June 5th at 5:30 p.m. in the American Lake Room at Lakewood City Hall.

Dancing in the Street Festival will be on Saturday June 3rd from 4pm-8pm on Motor Ave.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



Emily Feleen, Chair



Sally Martinez, Recreation Coordinator