



City of Lakewood

Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 6, 2023, 5:00p.m.

City of Lakewood – American Lake Conference Room

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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Arts Commission Members Excused: Laura Martinez, Susan Warner

Staff Present: Sally Martinez- Recreation Coordinator, Nikki York- Office Assistant

Youth Council Liaison Present: Jaqueline Rodriguez Leal

City Council Liaison Present: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

LUA PRITCHARD MOVED TO ADOPT THE ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2023. SECONDED BY PAIGE HANSEN. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND MPU. PHIL RASCHKE MOVED TO ADOPT THE ARTS COMMISSION RETREAT MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2023. SECONDED BY LUA PRITCHARD. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND MPU. AN ARTIST RECEPTION WAS HELD IN LIEU OF THE REGULAR ARTS COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 2, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Arts Commission Member Changes

Darwin Peters II resigned.

Welcome to new members Shauna Alexander and Laura Martinez.

New Youth Council liaisons: Jaqueline Rodriguez Leal, Ruffaro Guzha and Marcos Rivera

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Art Policy Review

Emily Feleen read through the draft policy. The Commission made a few corrections to the formatting and wording. There was discussion on decommissioning of art work. It was recommended to add that the City of Lakewood reserves the right to decommission for any reason. Sylvi Estrella asked if a piece could be decommissioned if the artist as found to be anti-semitic or racist. Sally Martinez will compare to other City policies. Earl Borgert asked if the artist could have the option to purchase their artwork back if it were to be decommissioned. Paige Hansen moved to recommend the Public Art Policy to Council with changes. Earl Borgert seconded. MPU

Public Art Committee

River Mechschi Signal Box Art

The Commission reviewed the two designs. Phil Raschke moved to approve the designs. Paige Hansen seconded. MPU

Select 10 Locations for 2024 Signal Box Art

Earl Borgert will provide options for the commission to consider at the next meeting. Paige Hansen suggested Lake Steilacoom/Steilacoom Blvd. Earl Borgert asked if the electrical boxes that are pillars could be wrapped. A new map is needed since there are some locations that do not have a traffic signal as they have been replaced with roundabouts. Potential locations include 512 & Pac Hwy with a military theme and in one in front of the Ford Dealership.

Juan LaTorre Art Reception on October 2, 2023

67 people attended the reception.

Rotating Artists

The current rotating artists are Roberto Sanchez & Rene Julio.

Art Reception

The next Artist Reception for the current rotating art will be on November 20, 2023 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Lakewood City Hall. Paige Hansen suggested having a microphone so that the artists can speak about their work. Sally Martinez said that there may be a demo by the artists at the receptions.

2024 Rotating Artists

Emily Feleen said that the Pierce College is interested in providing art for the rotating art exhibit. Faculty could have art up in 2nd quarter. Students can provide art for the 4th quarter. The Commission reviewed work of artist Ron Snowden. Ron can show in the 1st quarter. Paige Hansen moved to have Ron Snowden be the rotating artist for the first quarter. Darryl Owens seconded. MPU The Commission reviewed work of Stephanie Boussard. It was also discussed that Sylvi Estrella and Darryl Owens have artwork. Sylvi Estrella suggested having an Arts Commission show. Sally Martinez would like to be prepared to have the rotating art selected at the beginning of the year so that it can be promoted. The Commission decided that they would like to review the artists work prior to selecting them. Sally Martinez asked that if artist have work they can email with the subject line: Rotating Art so that she can compile into a powerpoint presentation. If they do not have enough art to fill the space, they must be willing to share. Shauna Alexander suggested working with the Clover Park High Schools since they already have students creating artwork. Sally Martinez will reach out to the school district.

Review 2024 Work Plan

Tabled until next meeting.

Library Log Location

Tabled

Joint Council Meeting Recap

Sally Martinez thanked the Commission for being professional and passionate at the joint Council meeting.

Retreat Recap

The commission enjoyed Tyler Budge's presentation.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Jaqueline Rodriguez Leal, Youth Council Liason spoke to the Arts Commission about the idea of having student artists at the Jingle Bell 5k to present their work and encourage runners to keep going. The art could be selected by the youth council. Paige Hansen suggested that the Arts Commission act as mentors and help with choosing the art. The Commission is excited about the idea and can review the art on the December 4th meeting.

Earl Borgert asked if the City Council could do anything to possibly turn the old theater into an art gallery. The City does not own the property.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Emily Feleen
Emily Feleen (Feb 13, 2024 10:54 PST)

Emily Feleen, Chair

Sally Martinez
Sally Martinez, Recreation Coordinator