



Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 7, 2024, 5:00p.m.

City of Lakewood – American Lake Conference Room

6000 Main Street SW Lakewood, WA 98499

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Arts Commission Members Present: Emily Feleen-Chair, Earl Borgert-Vice Chair, Shauna Alexander, Sylvi Estrella, Lani Neil, Darryl Owens, Lua Pritchard, Adriana Serrienne, Susan Warner

Arts Commission Members Excused: Laura Martinez, Phil Raschke

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

Youth Council Liaison: Bentley Webster, Nevaeh Tutt, Valeria Becerra

City Council Liaison Present: Patti Belle

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADRIANNA SERRIANNE MOVED TO ADOPT THE ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2024. SECONDED BY LANI NEIL. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND MPU.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Welcomed Youth Council and MLK Committee members. Everyone introduced themselves.

All agenda items were tabled to allow time for artist presentations and discussion.

Beloved Community Mural Artist Presentations and Discussion:

Laurie Davenport and Dionne Bonner opted out of being a mural artist due to the time constraint of the project.

Sally Martinez shared that the MLK Committee is putting on a Beloved Community Welcome Walk event January 11, and that the location of the barn is close to where the event will be held. Dr. John Scott spoke about Beloved Community work. Dr. King didn't create Beloved Community, but he popularized the concept and practice of it. The premise is the idea of small circles of folks coming together to work on issues of anti-racism, poverty, housing, LGBTQ+. Working on the issues very intentionally in community. Those small circles are meant to radiate out to larger systems and change those systems. It is a call to action to have intention around this work.

Artist Rodney King presented his mural concept. He provided background about himself, his experience in the art world and how he started painting during COVID. He presented a painted panel that would be converted to a wrap that would be attached to metal panels. The design had a handful of different people with Beloved Community and the City Logo in the background. The Commission had some concerns that there wasn't enough diversity because there were no old people, disabled, different sizes. Rodney is open to painting more diverse people. This was his first time painting person from a different culture.

Periko the Artist presented his concept. He provided background for his process. He said that building a mural is transforming a space. He wanted to provide something subtle with two children of different skin tones sharing an apple to show that the community has changed and that we are moving closer to the Beloved Community that Dr. Martin Luther King envisioned. The butterfly's represent ancestors coming back to say hello. The children can be playful or more serious. Periko shared some of his other art to show other options to show people. He shared that he would want the borders to create an explosion of color not just a flat rectangle. He could use actual children that live in the community for the models. Periko's mural would be painted directly on the barn. It would take approximately 1-2 weeks. Periko is open to getting help from the community. Lua Pritchard asked why only two races were represented. Periko was open to adapting. Periko mentioned that the community comes to the park and that the mural is an extension of that community, enhancing it. It's beautiful that all different people occupy the space.

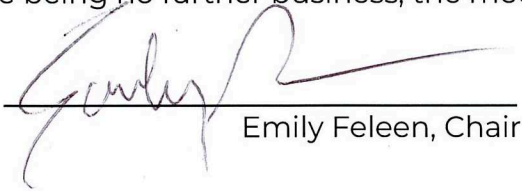
The Commission discussed the artists and the timeline. Some members suggested to wait, others mentioned to put out a new call, to use the budget to start the City's art collection, and ask the community what the beloved community looks like to them, others were satisfied with the artwork presented. The Commission decided to have the artists come back in two weeks with concepts that integrated the suggestions given to them at the meeting- maybe more diversity, maybe abstract or symbolic images, as well as a more flushed out concepts. The artists would be paid a small stipend.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission is scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the American Lake Room at Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St SW, Lakewood, WA 98499

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Emily Feleen, Chair



Sally Martinez, Recreation Coordinator