

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

**Arts Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: February 28, 2017

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelley Brittingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dane Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/> Melinda Behrman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alistair Christopherson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Justin	
<input type="checkbox"/> Erik Christopherson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Salmon	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sybil Davis	<input type="checkbox"/> Catherine Wendland	

Melinda Behrman, Erik Christopherson & Catherine Wendland were excused.

Staff Present

Casey Stanley, Recreation Manager
Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Guests Present

Maureen Hoffmann, Past Arts Commissioner

Minutes

Meeting called to order. January 23, 2017 minutes were approved.

Wayfinding Discussion

Commissioners discussed the need for public art to be a part of the wayfinding conversation. The Commission would like the plan to include attachment possibilities on wayfinding signage posts. Letter will go to Wayfinding consultants. Letter attached.

Thank You

Sybil Davis and Catherine Wendland are finishing up their first terms and have chosen not to apply for a second term. The Commission and Staff thank them for their service!

Elections

Shelley Brittingham has been elected to be Chair of the Commission for 2017, Alistair Christopherson has been elected to be Co-Chair for 2017. The commission and staff thank Kathy Justin for her service as Chair.

Arts District Discussion

The Arts District Committee developed recommendations to take to the Council:

- Traditional Arts Districts are in small areas that are walkable and have multiple arts activities such as theaters, galleries, artist live work studios, museums, etc. To be most successful the districts develop organically.
- Arts organizations are scattered around Burien, many at the edges of our Downtown, and artists choose to live in Burien as they can purchase or rent affordable homes with space for families and studios. Due to the way artists choose to live and work in Burien, and the locations of Arts and Cultural organizations, a traditional “Arts District” does not make sense in Burien.

- Instead of having small “districts”, we could say Burien is an arts region.
- The Burien Arts Commission proposes to work on two projects:
 1. Cultural Arts Aesthetic—working with City to integrate an artistic aesthetic into wayfinding and other future planning.
 2. Cultural Outreach Plan—develop a database of Burien artists and arts organizations and do meet ups to connect the community.

The Commission approved the recommendations and will take the recommendations to Council on April 17th.

Arts and Culture Grant Funding

The Commission will work on an ask for enhancing the budget for Arts and Culture Grant Funding in winter of 2018 for the 2019/2020 City Budget.

Area of Focus

Education- No report

Public Art—The commission discussed the Public Art Plan for 2017-2020 and approved the Plan. The Plan will see if the Plan can be put on the April 17th Council agenda for approval. The Commission also discussed the Utility Box project. Dane has reached out to the Seattle Office of Arts and Culture to get more information on how they have approached this project. The commission feels the city needs a highly visible public art project that can be in all neighborhoods and this would be the perfect choice.

Staff Report

Staff reported on current work planning summer events, and possible new community neighborhood events.

Additional items

Meeting is adjourned.

2.28.2017

The Arts Commission met today, Tuesday, February 28th, 2017 and discussed the Wayfinding Project that the City is pursuing with consultant KPG. We are making a recommendation to have all of the new wayfinding signage come with mounting points for future use by the Arts Commission.

The Commission intends to utilize the Public Art Fund at a later date to conceive of and produce artistic elements that will be attached to the wayfinding signage. These elements may be:

- 3D sculptural top finials
- 2D graphic panels attached at the top or side
- 2D slide-in graphic panels, depending on the construction of the wayfinding structures
- fabric/vinyl banners attached at the sides of the wayfinding structures

As we all know the most expensive part of art is the cost of installation. If the wayfinding signs are already designed and configured to have an art piece added, we will be much more successful in creating and unifying an overall cultural design aesthetic for the City.

Thank you,

Kathy Justin
Burien Arts Commission Chair