

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

**Arts Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: March 22, 2016

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor
Debbie Zemke, Recreation Manager
Steve Roemer, Parks Director

Guests Present:

Shelli Park, Burien Film Festival
John White, Burien Film Festival

Minutes

Meeting called to order. January 26, 2016 minutes were approved as amended.

New Arts Commissioner

The commission welcomed new commissioner Melinda Behrman.

UFO Festival/ Burien Film Festival/ Crest Project

Burien residents John White and Shelli Park shared information about their upcoming April 1st events –the UFO Festival and Burien Film Festival, to be held in Olde Burien. For the 2016 event, each filmmaker is asked to highlight a neighborhood, a small business, and a love interest. They are also asked to have one of the neighborhood crests somewhere in the film.

The neighborhood crests were created by artist Sam Sneke with historical information collected by Shelli and John. The project is modeled after the crests in the Italian city of Siena. Siena and Burien are similar sizes, and John and Shelli hope that Siena can become a sister city. They are also collecting donated pianos that will be placed in a small business in each Burien neighborhood, and giving away t-shirts with the neighborhood crests.

Seahurst Public Art Project

Parks Director Steve Roemer discussed a public art option for Seahurst Park. The department will be taking on an improvement project this summer and possibly asphaltting the main walking paths to make them more ADA accessible. One possibility for new public art would be working with an artist to create designs from Thermoplastic that would be applied to the new pathways. This material should last up to 10 years on a walking path. The commissioners had many questions such as how the salt water would affect the art, how will it look in years to come, etc. The commissioners will send questions to Gina to be compiled and sent to the company representative.

Staff will gather cost estimates as well as comparisons of other \$20,000 public art projects, and set up a time to talk to the product representative. We will have more discussion about this project at the April meeting. Steve asked to know by June if the commission chooses to go this direction.

Arts Commission Summit

Catherine and Ali shared their thoughts on the Arts Commission Summit presented by SOCO Culture on February 24th. Sybil also attended the Summit. The Summit gave Commissioners the opportunity to meet commissioners from all over South King County and learn more about how other commission's function, ways of reaching out to diverse communities, and how different cities find funding for public art.

Elections

Kathy Justin was elected to serve as Chair of the Arts Commission until February 2017, and Shelley Brittingham was elected to serve as Co-Chair until February 2017.

1% for Public Art

Staff spoke to the possibilities for future 1% for Art funding. Staff reviewed past discussions and plan to have City Manager Kamuron Gurol address the Arts Commission at an upcoming meeting. The Commission can then develop recommendations to be sent to the City Council before the 2017/2018 budget is approved. Kathy suggested the commission create a 1% for Art Committee to work on this project.

Area of Focus Reports

Education—Discussion of the 5 year plan will happen at the April meeting.

Public Art—see above.

Area of Focus Plan— To be addressed at April meeting.

Arts and Culture Grant Criteria— To be addressed at April meeting.

Staff Report

Empty Bowls Update—To be addressed at April meeting.

Additional items

The meeting was adjourned.