

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

**Arts Commission
MEETING MINUTES
Date: August 23rd, 2016
Time: 6:30 p.m.**

Arts Commission Members Present:

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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Salmon | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sybil Davis | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine Wendland | |

Shelley Brittingham and Sybil Davis were excused.

Staff Present

Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Guests Present

Sam “Sneke” Swanson, Coordinator of Burien Mural Masters and Art Alley

Minutes

Meeting called to order. July 26th, 2016 minutes were approved.

Highline Public Schools—Current and Future Art Programming

Presentation rescheduled for September 27th Arts Commission meeting.

Burien Murals

Sam Swanson, coordinator of Burien Mural Masters and Art Alley (located in 152nd Alley between 4th and 6th SW) spoke to Commission about his art and current projects. Sam recently completed a mural on the alley wall of Wayne’s Produce on 152nd Street. The arts commission had approved of this mural project on August 11th, 2016. The new mural is across the alley from a mural done earlier this year on the Taproot Church wall. Sam hopes to continue to expand his mural projects around the city. Sam works with a group of international artists, most of these artists doing the work pro-bono. Some of these artists work in a traditional graffiti style, while others work in a more fine art style. Sam explained to the Commission how traditional graffiti plays with letters and type faces. The designs are usually the artists name and each artist has a distinct style. The commission discussed ways to educate the public on this art form through media and signage. They also expressed their appreciation to Sam for all the work he has done for the city.

Area of Focus

Education- Commissioners will hear a presentation by Highline School District’s Arts Coordinator Stefan Nelson in September.

Public Art- Commissioners discussed the recommendation letter for council regarding changes to the ordinance that funds the 1% for art fund. Staff will work on the letter. The commission will work on updating the 1% for Art Plan in fall of 2016. Michael Salmon suggested the idea of decorating utility boxes as a future project. This can be done with paint or vinyl wrapping.

Cultural Art District Discussion—the commission had the first of many future discussions in regards to Burien adopting a Cultural Arts District. The commission discussed what a Cultural Art District means

and started looking into whether this would work for Burien. Some ideas were: artist housing, fast track permitting for artists, neighborhood grants, studio tours, expanding exhibition opportunities, etc.

Staff Report

Events—Staff is working on the Arts-a- Glow Lantern Festival and put out a request for volunteer support. Planning is also being done on the Dia de los Muertos event to be held October 28th.

City Hall Exhibit Opportunity—Staff reported on an opportunity to partner with the Burien Arts Association to develop an art exhibit space in the City Hall lobby. The project has been approved and will hopefully start in 2017.

Annex Mural—a free standing mural created at the 2016 Wild Strawberry Festival Mural Masters event is available for a new permanent location. Staff is discussing with Sam Swanson the option of attaching the mural to the Burien Community Center Annex wall, adjacent to the basketball courts.

Additional items

Meeting is adjourned.