

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

**Arts Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: January 26, 2016

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelley Brittingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dane Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melinda Behrman
<input 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

Guests Present:

Erika Orr, Resident
Lance McIntosh, B-Town Beat & Art Alley
Sam Sneke, B-Town Beat & Art Alley

Minutes

Meeting called to order. December 9, 2015 minutes were approved.

New Arts Commissioner

The commission welcomed new commissioner Melinda Behrman.

B-Town Beat & Art Alley

Lance McIntosh and Sam Sneke discussed the 2016 B-Town Beat. This will be the 3rd year of the monthly art and music walk in Downtown Burien. The volunteer organizers hope to focus this year on fundraising so they can pay the musicians a higher fee, as well as adding more venues. The Beat will run April-October on the first Thursday of the month.

In 2015 the Beat hosted the first Mural Master event in the Art Alley (between 152nd and 153rd, 4th to 6th Ave SW). The event was a weekend event where artists were invited to paint murals and the public was invited to watch. This year's event will be during the Wild Strawberry Festival, June 18-19. At this time there are 12-14 spaces in the alley for murals. They hope to work with area businesses and add more spaces in the future.

Arts and Culture Summit Discussion

Kathy discussed options to reach out to the Burien arts community. A large summit was done in 2008 and coffee chats with organizations were done in 2014. As the coffee chats confirmed that many of the needs of the arts and culture organizations have not changed since the 2008 summit, the commission chose to focus on the discussion of space needs and look at options for the Burien Annex Theater space. Shelley asked the commission to be mindful that spaces should be available for other arts groups, not just the current tenants. The commission will continue to discuss how outreach could be done to individual artists residing in Burien. They will also continue to reach out to the City Council and provide ideas on how to make the arts more robust in Burien.

1% for Public Art

Staff spoke to the possibilities for future 1% for Art funding. Staff met with the city financial director and looked at possible options. Funding from roads/public works would not be feasible at this time as CIP funding is not available. The commission asked staff to bring a list of options to consider to February meeting.

Area of Focus Reports

Education—Staff shared the final report about the 2015 artist in residence program in Burien Elementary Schools provided by Arts Corps.

Public Art—Staff discussed the possibilities for the Seahurst Park public art project. An option staff and the public art committee are considering would be partnering with the Parks department to integrate an artist in an upcoming project to redo the gravel pathways in the park. Staff will work to see if the timeline is feasible to make this idea work. Staff also shared that an artist has been contracted to make repairs to the Augustina Droze mural. The repairs will happen as soon as the weather is favorable.

Area of Focus Plan—Staff distributed a 2016 Work Plan. The commission will discuss/finalize at the February meeting.

Arts and Culture Grant Criteria—Staff distributed an updated Arts and Culture Fund Application Guideline form for the commission to review. Some changes in wording were suggested such as explaining to the applicant what sustained support is. Changes will be made and brought to the February meeting for final approval.

Arts and Culture Grant Reviews—Staff asked commissioners to volunteer to attend performances and programs that are funded by the 2016 Arts and Culture Grants. Staff will send an e-mail to commissioners to follow up on this ask.

Staff Report

Empty Bowls Update—The 11th Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser for the Highline and White Center Food Banks will be held Friday, January 29th. Over 1,300 handmade bowls have been donated by Moshier Art Center Potters. All are invited.

Summer Events—Staff is starting to work on planning for the Wild Strawberry Festival and Music in the Park. Commissioners are encouraged to send suggestions to staff for performers.

BCC Gallery—Staff shared the schedule for the Burien Community Center revolving art exhibits.

Upcoming events—Arts and Heritage Day will be February 10th in Olympia. SOCO Culture will be hosting an Arts Commission Summit on February 24th in Tukwila.

Additional items

The meeting was adjourned.