

**CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON**

**Art Commission  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** March 23, 2010

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Arts Commission Members Present:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelley Brittingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virginia Wright
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna DiFore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robbie Howell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rochelle Flynn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dane Johnson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victoria Hall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Justin

**Staff Present:**

Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor  
Debbie Zemke; Recreation Manager

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order. November minutes approved. January minutes approved. February minutes approved.

**Area of Focus 2010 Discussion**

The Arts Commissioners have discussed the 2010 Areas of Focus Plan. Shelley asked for more specific information on the Public Art Plan. Debbie explained that at this time approximately \$40,000 exists in that fund and the hope is that the arts commission will create guidelines for how the money will be used in the future. Debbie will double check the current figure. The commissioners requested that the volunteers for the Arts and Culture Grant review be chosen after the new arts commissioners are appointed in May. Kathy asked the commission if they would like a hands-on role in the Strawberry Festival by hosting a game or other possibilities to become more involved. The commissioners approved that the Arts Commission will have a role in the Burien Wild Strawberry Festival. The Arts Commission approved the 2010 work plan.

**2010 Elections**

Dane nominated Kathy for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year, the motion is 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion is passed.  
Robbie nominated Donna and Rochelle 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion is passed.

**AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT**

**VISUAL ARTS**

**Arts Education—**

**Arts Docents**--Victoria went to Cedarhurst Elementary School last month to meet with Debbie Thoma, a parent who is restarting the art docent program. The program has started with 6 parents visiting classes and doing art projects.

**Banner Project**--Art work has been submitted for the banner project. The arts commission will vote on a group of designs to be turned into banners for (possibly) 153<sup>rd</sup> Street in Downtown Burien. Donna put together a budget with quotes from Rainier Industries. Twelve banners would be approximately \$3,000. With 35 poles on 153<sup>rd</sup>, Donna and Victoria are hoping to talk to business in the area about adopting poles. The plan is to take the project to city council next, and

have discussion with city staff about permits, etc. Victoria also asked about giving cookie baskets to the classrooms that created banner designs for the project. The commission will vote on using \$3,000 from the public art fund at the next meeting. Gina will facilitate a meeting with Community Development and Public Works before the next meeting. Dane asks if there is a standard bracket the city wants for the poles, and will the city provide the bracket? The bracket would then be city property for use on any banner. Donna will send support materials to Gina to disseminate to the commission.

Public Art—The commission discussed the Puget Sound Skills Center sculpture being created by Dale Copeland’s class to be installed at the new community center, hopefully in May. Dane shared that the Eagle and Salmon sculpture may be installed at The Folklife Festival this year through Ignition NW for the sustainable area of the fest. The commission also discussed the Burien Arts murals currently stored in the garage at the Blue House. These murals could be installed at the new community center, at the skate board park, or at area businesses or in empty storefronts. The commission will bring more ideas to the table and discuss at the next meeting.

Arts and Economic Development—no report

Connecting to Cultural Community—no report

### **Staff Report**

Highline Arts Council Update—Gina reported that the council has begun creating guidelines and policies to be presented to the Highline School Board in May. These guidelines refer to issues such as how much art students should receive in all grades, equity in these programs, reestablishing the arts coordinator position at the administrative level, giving teachers and principals access to training, etc. There will be a public meeting for input in the next few weeks. Gina will let the commissioners know of this date.

Cedarhurst Program—Arts Corps has started the visual art program at Cedarhurst Elementary. Artist Monad has been working with numerous classrooms on clay projects. This program will continue through the school year and has been funded by a NEA ARRA grant.

Next meeting will be at the new Community Center at 14700 6<sup>th</sup> Ave SW (old Library building).

Meeting adjourned