

**CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON**

**Art Commission  
MEETING MINUTES  
Date: November 23, 2010  
Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Arts Commission Members Present:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelley Brittingham | <input type="checkbox"/> Dane Johnson            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virginia Wright |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna DiFiore       | <input type="checkbox"/> Kathy Justin            |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victoria Hall       | <input type="checkbox"/>                         |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Robbie Howell                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Thoma |   |

**Staff Present:**

Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor  
Debbie Zemke, Recreation Manager

**Guests:**

Barbara McMichael, SOCO Culture  
Shelli Parks, Burien resident  
Kelda Martinson, Burien resident

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order. Minutes are approved.

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

Barbara passed out a list of important dates and spoke about the events happening in South King County over the next few months. She announced that Stephen Nelson is the new Highline Arts Coordinator. Barbara suggested inviting Stephen to a 2011 Arts Commission meeting.

Burien Resident Shelli Parks presented her Cultural District plan. Shelli is a local artist and is on the board of White Center for the Arts, where she has worked to establish the organization. Shelli is also very interested in creating a vibrant arts scene in Burien. Shelli developed the plan a few years ago. The Cultural Plan is about creating a Cultural District in Burien with the cornerstone being establishing the Highline Historical Museum at the current Dollar Store site at the corner of 152<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> SW. Another option would be at the corner of 150<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Shelli reasoned that the Historical Museum should be moved due to issues with parking in Olde Burien and the design of the proposed building. Shelli also believes that the proposed Burien Children’s Museum could be a cornerstone for the Cultural District but the project has been stalled until they have new leadership.

**AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT**

**Arts Education** — Banner project—The banner committee meet with Debra George of Discover Burien and discussed how the collaboration would work. The 44 brackets will be purchased by Discover Burien. The banners will be installed in February. A celebration of the banner project will also be in February and will include the 153<sup>rd</sup> businesses and schools that were involved in the project. Debra and Maureen will work to get the banners printed. Gina will follow up with Public Works on the permit needs and hanging plan.

**Public Art**—2011 Public Art Plan—The Commission approved the design of the Burien Press Mural with the request that some information about the mural and artist be posted next to the mural. The Arts Commission also approved the Public Art Plan. The plan will next go to the City Council for approval. Donna volunteered to present the plan to the council in case Dane and Kathy were not available. The Public Art Plan will leverage a small amount of money for a large visual and community impact.

**Arts and Economic Development**—Debbie announced that the 2011 project with the BEDP has been put on hold at this time but the commission can still ask the BEDP to support the arts in Burien. Shelly asked the commission to look back at the original recommendation for the arts in the recently updated Comp Plan, as many recommendations were not utilized and could be looked at again. These recommendations could also be brought forward in the city's visioning process in 2011. The committee would like to get together to meet in 2011.

**Dynamic Adaptability** --Virginia and Robbie attended the *Dynamic Adaptability: Puget Sound Arts and Culture* series-“Who's New in Town?” Virginia reported that the greatest changes are in the Hispanic and Asian communities, with very dramatic growth in ages 0-18. All the statistics will be available on line and a webinar maybe offered on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The next speaker spoke on expanding your offerings for multicultural audiences. Virginia mentioned that it is important to be specific when creating programming for a target audience...and not target a broad audience. The speaker mentioned that the difference in today's immigrants is that people are keeping their cultures and not assimilating as much as in past. The speaker compared the difference as the difference between a smoothie versus a fruit salad. The speaker also spoke about the importance of establishing relationships and creating inclusive programs.. A large concern in the arts organizations is that they tend to not reflect their communities diversity.

## **STAFF REPORT**

**ARTalk**—An ARTalk is being scheduled for February 2011 with consultant Marcia Holland. Marcia will talk about effective leadership team qualities (accountable, responsible behaviors of leaders), creating a culture of peak performance (completing volunteer activities once a commitment is made to do so is not voluntary), how to recruit and retain volunteers, and the necessity of a streamlined strategic plan.

**Ted Ottinger**—Arts Commissioner Ted Ottinger has asked to resign as Arts Commissioner in the month of November 2010 due to personal needs. We want to thank Ted for volunteering for the Arts Commission and hope that he may join us again in the future.

**Arts Corps**—Staff is working with Arts Corps to bring three programs to Burien elementary schools in 2011. Residency programs at Cedarhurst and Hilltop have been finalized, and a program at Hazel Valley is being worked on.

**Public Art Catalog**—The public art catalog focus for 2011 will be on cataloging the work owned by the city and 4 Culture and adding reference material to the web site and possibly a flyer. It has been found that work outside of city ownership will need agreement with the owners and possibly artists to publish, so more research needs to go into how to handle this part of the project.

The meeting was adjourned.