

**CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON**

**Art Commission  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** February 28, 2012

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

**Arts Commission Members Present:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Shelley Brittingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelli Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virginia Wright
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna DiFiore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael O'Neill	
<input type="checkbox"/> Andrea Reay	<input type="checkbox"/> Chloe Bjordahl	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robbie Howell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Thoma	

**Staff Present:**

Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor  
Debbie Zemke, Recreation Manager

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order. Minutes are approved as amended.

**Cultural Competency**

A few changes were made to the cultural competency draft. AC moved to adopt as changed.

**Burien Arts Commission Cultural Competency Guidelines** (approved February 28, 2012)

Definition: Cultural diversity is the representation of race, ethnicity, age, language, nationality, religion and sexual orientation within a community. A community is said to be culturally diverse if its residents include members of different groups.

*“Cultural competence refers to the process by which individuals and systems respond respectfully and effectively to people of all cultures, languages, classes, races, ethnic backgrounds, disabilities, ages, religions, genders, sexual orientation and other diversity factors.” (Department of Human Services, OR)*

The Burien Arts Commission will adhere to the following guidelines:

- Value diversity and similarities among all peoples
- Understand and effectively respond to cultural differences
- Engage in cultural self-assessment as we advise about and/or develop each project and make adjustments as needed
- Support program adaptations
- Acquire cultural knowledge

Cultural competence recognizes, affirms, fosters, and values the strengths of individuals, families, and communities and protects and preserves the worth and dignity of each.

**2012 Work Plan**

AC moved to adopt 2012 Work Plan with possibility of further changes to economic development at March meeting.

The commissioners discussed how to amend the work plan. Staff shared that if a project would not need staff time, or if staff time was available, then it could be amended. If not then a project could be moved to the following years work plan.

### **Grant Reviewing**

Staff discussed that commissioners would be needed to review events and performances presented by organizations receiving 2012 Arts and Culture Grant funding. Staff will be sending out a list of events for commissioner to choose from.

### **AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT**

**Arts Education** –Debbie Thoma shared details about the February 14<sup>th</sup> HSD arts council meeting. At the meeting members gave their support for offering a third year of ceramics at Highline High School. This will set precedence for adding advanced classes in all the arts. There was also a discussion on budget in regards to how to develop more arts funding within the district. Council also helped Stefan fine tune a presentation for the school board and develop ways to use funds to train teachers.

**Public Art**— Puget Sound Skills Center/ New Start School project—The teachers at both schools are still talking and hope to create a part of the project before the end of the school year. Students at New Start have cleared space for a sculpture, New Start instructor Bev is purchasing fencing materials to define and secure the space with her grant, and Dale (PSSC) is looking into building large chimes made from empty gas canisters.

Mural Project—The Call proposals were due Friday, Feb 24 and we received 35 applicants. Gina has been developing a review system and is working to weed through the proposals. Public Art Committee Chair Andrea Reay will help to do another purge and then 5-10 proposals will be brought to a panel to choose 1-3 artists to interview. The panel consists of:

- March 14—4:30-6:30pm, Moshier Art Center
  1. Kathy Justin—co-creator of Burien Interim Art Space and Professional Lighting Designer
  2. Carolyn Law—professional Public Artist
  3. Eric Roberts—Dollar Store Manager
  4. Marilee Cogswell—Burien Head Librarian
  5. Erin Williamson—Owner, Burien Press and Past Director of Burien Arts
  6. Donna Di Fiore—Burien Arts Commissioner/ Public Art Committee
  7. Gina Kallman—City of Burien Cultural Arts Supervisor
- March 28, 6:30-8:00—possible interviews, location tbd

**Economic Development--** The committee meet in February and discussed a direction for 2012. They developed these bullet points to start discussion:

- The Committee believes that when Arts, Culture, and Businesses work together, the linkage is incredibly powerful.
- The Committee sees this as a ripe time for Burien to create a plan for investing energy and funds toward inviting people from around the region to experience the local Arts and Culture scene and to patronize the local businesses.
- The Committee sees benefit in encouraging more ongoing artistic and creative activities in Town Square to keep it vital.

- The Committee would like to explore the possibility of hosting another Arts Summit to foster momentum and partnership.
- The Committee desires to enhance the quality of daily experience in Burien and would ask City decision makers to remember the Arts Commission when making aesthetic choices.
- The Committee sees value in building a relationship with the City's new Economic Development Manager, starting with a proposal for regularly-scheduled meetings that would discuss Arts and Culture topics and their impact on the City.
- The Committee respects the good work and proven results of Discover Burien and Burien Arts, and would like to partner with these organizations in activities designed to attract more businesses and more visitors to Burien."

### **STAFF REPORT**

**SOCO Meeting**—The March 13<sup>th</sup> SOCO meeting will be hosted by Burien Little Theater and the Hi-Liners at the Burien Annex from 10-11:30am.

**Empty Bowls**—The 2012 Empty Bowls event held on January 27<sup>th</sup> brought 1,150 people to the Burien Community Center to enjoy a simple meal, pick out a bowl and donate \$18,400 to the Highline and White Center Food Banks.

**HSD Art Walk idea**—Gina is meeting with two HSD art teacher in early March to look at the idea of helping with a downtown Burien student art walk. More information to come.

The meeting was adjourned.