

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

**Art Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: June 26, 2012

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Reay	<input checked="" 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.

AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT

Arts Education – Shelli reported that Stefan Nelson, HSD Arts Coordinator, is hoping to continue the Highline School District Arts Council for the 2012-2013 school year with the current members plus some new members. He hopes he will be able to spend more time on the arts if the school district budget is approved. The HSD arts staff is hoping to start an inventory of musical instruments. The instruments could be centrally located. This would assist equity between all the schools.

Public Art— Arts Commissioners Virginia Wright and Andrea Reay presented the mural design of artist Augustina Droze to the City Council at the June 18th meeting. Andrea felt the Council was positive about the mural design and the Council provided their approval of the project. Council Member Jack Block asked about installing murals in other areas of Burien as well as asked about moving the public art located in Dottie Harper Park. Deputy Mayor Rose Clark commended the commission for all the work they do for the community.

Michael asked if it was problematic to have the piece on a privately owned building. Staff explained the contract with the building owner. Staff will ask Augustina about the life space of the mural.

Arts and Economic Development— Shelli started the discussion with a letter put together by the Arts Commission Arts and Economic Development Committee regarding the development of the downtown. Virginia clarified commission procedure by explaining that any commissioner can express an idea to the council or staff as an individual community member, but not as a commission member. To speak as a commission member you must have the support of the entire commission and the topic must be voted on at a formal meeting. No decisions can be made outside of formal meetings.

Shelli presented the concept that the city of Burien, to develop in a thoughtful way, needs a strong arts and culture cluster. She feels that Downtown Burien needs more than the small amount of public art, the library, and city hall. Robbie shared a document she had written regarding the development of a cultural district. Michael would like the commission to suggest that the city have some design criteria. Shelli would like to establish relationships with businesses and include input from community in letter to Council. Virginia asked that the letter express these ideas in a clear and concise format. Shelley would like the letter to be broader and that the specific arts and culture orgs not be named as this is limiting. The arts commission supports the overall vision of the letter but the letter needs to be revised before approval. The Arts and Economic Development committee will meet with the community to work on these ideas and bring a letter to the full commission at the August meeting.

The idea was circulated to bring a Council member to a Commission meeting. Debbie will check into how council members can be invited to address the Arts Commission.

Arts and Culture Grants— Staff asked for volunteers to serve on the Arts and Culture 2013 Grant committee. Volunteers are Chloe, Donna, Robbie, Debbie, Michael, and Virginia. The Arts and Culture grant review will take place the evening of September 13th.

Recording Secretary Question—In response to concerns about city staff involvement in the Arts Commission previously brought up in writing by Michael O'Neill, Debbie Zemke provided a little historical background on the Recording Secretary position, which had previously been held by a Commissioner, but the responsibilities had been passed to City staff after nobody on the Commission was willing to perform the duties of the position. It was made clear that it did not need to be done his way, but had been done in order to insure that the notes continued to be taken since that is a requirement by the City. Virginia asked if any members of the commission would be interested in serving as the Recording Secretary for the Commission, and said that this could be discussed further as necessary. Staff is at this time serving as the Recording Secretary, and will continue unless a viable alternative is agreed on.

STAFF REPORT

2011 Annual Report-- Staff passed out the 2011 Annual Report. Many commissioners would like the commission to present the annual report to the council again in 2013, as they feel that this is the one opportunity to present the work of the Arts Commission to the community.

Addition Items— Michael would like a committee created to look at policy and procedures (By-Laws and Ordinances). The committee will be Michael (chair), Robbie, Shelley, and Virginia. The public art committee will relook at the public art policy and procedure per the 2012 arts commission work plan in the fall.

Shelli asked questions about the Helios Sculpture located in Town Square Park. Debbie clarified the process of working with the artist on the sculpture.

The commission will not meet in July, the August meeting will be held at the Highline Historical Archives.

The meeting was adjourned.