

**CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON**

**Arts Commission  
MEETING MINUTES  
Date: November 27, 2012  
Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Arts Commission Members Present:**

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| <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 type="checkbox"/>                         |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Reay         | <input type="checkbox"/> Chloe Bjordahl          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Robbie Howell                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Thoma |   |

**Staff Present:**

Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor  
Debbie Zemke, Recreation Supervisor  
Michael Lafreniere, Parks and Recreation Director

**Guests**

Maureen Hoffmann, Community Member  
Marlaina Lieberg, Community Member

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order. Minutes are approved as amended.

**Special Presentation**

Marlaina Lieberg spoke to the commission about arts access for people with special needs. Some suggestions were adding video description to theater (both live and movie theaters) both for sight and hearing disabled. This technology can also be used for visual installations. Could something be developed with local arts organizations such as the Highline Performing Arts Center, Burien Little Theatre, The Hi-Liners, Highline Historical Society, etc. Some options may be finding grants to fund large print, Braille, video description and wheel chair accessibility. Marlaina would like the Arts Commission to think about how we can make Burien a truly accessible community. Shelley thought it would be good for Marlaina to speak to the BLT board. Maureen brought up the public art project under development and how signage could have an audio clip. Marlaina discussed how once specialized technology is becoming more and more mainstream. Andrea volunteered to gather information from large Seattle arts orgs to see if their equipment could be borrowed or rented by smaller organizations. Shelley suggested that the local arts community be involved from the beginning of a project. One resource Marlaina mentioned was the South King Council for the Blind.

Shelley spoke about how the presentation fit into the cultural competency ideals.

**AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT**

**Arts Education** – Debbie Thoma spoke about the November meeting of the Highline Arts Council. The focus of the meeting was the new music curriculum that is being used throughout the district. Stephan has also been coordinating the district owned instrument collection. Also

discussed was how the council members can help with advocate for the arts in the school district and the possibility of building a citizen advocacy group.

**Public Art**—Andrea reported on the Public Art Committee recommended changes to the public art plan, including the temporary art proposal by Burien artist Peter Bjordahl. The commission voted to approve the updated Public Art Plan. The plan will now go to the City Council for approval.

**Arts and Economic Development**—. The committee will be meeting December 4<sup>th</sup> to go over arts summit ideas, arts and culture district ideas, and how to cultivate relationships with area businesses.

## **STAFF REPORT**

**New Commissioners**--Staff reminded the commissioners that there will be openings for new commissioners in March 2014, and to spread the word that the city is taking applications. Some of the newer commissioners had good suggestions for helping train incoming commissioners. Andrea suggested a buddy or mentoring program. Debbie Thoma mentioned having a hard time understanding what the commission does. Staff will work with Debbie and other commissioners to develop a job description.

**By-Laws**—The Commissioners reviewed the updated By Laws. Shelley asked if it was possible to have a Council liaison to the commission. The Commission would like to make a formal invitation to the Council to have a member attend Arts Commission meetings, and that council is invited at any time to attend meetings. Michael offered to bring up the invitation at the January council retreat.

The bylaws were approved as amended by the commission.

The meeting was adjourned.