

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

**Arts Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: January 23, 2013

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

Staff Present:

Debbie Zemke, Recreation Supervisor

Michael Lafreniere, Parks and Recreation Director

Guests

Maureen Hoffmann, Community Member

Alex Stoller, Community Member and Arts Commissioner applicant

Minutes

Meeting called to order. November minutes are approved.

Special Presentation

Dale Copeland from the Puget Sound Skills Center presented a design concept for a new fountain sculpture that's planned for the Community Center atrium. He asked Commissioners for their input on design elements. The sculpture will be made of stainless steel. Dale explained that because his students work with the Pipefitters Union, the material they use is limited to stainless steel, as compared to other fabricating shops that work with different kinds of materials. There are, however, some possibilities to give the stainless steel more of a texture, such as grinding the surface or applying heat to get colors. Shelli and Maureen suggested powder coating for color or even using this process as a clear coating. Dale said that there is a request to have koi fish in the pond area. However, since the pond will only be 6"-8" deep, the practicality of this may not work. Dale will have approximately 18 students who'll be working on this project with him.

2013 Work Plan/Areas of Focus

Virginia talked about the Work Plan draft and some format changes from previous years. The intent of this year's Plan is to eliminate standing committees when there isn't a specific project to be worked on within that committee. Instead, an ad hoc group of Commissioners can be organized to focus on a particular project as/when it is needed.

There was discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of continuing various existing committees, even if the committee had no work project to pursue. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT

Arts Education –Shelli reported that the School District’s Cultural Arts Advisory group has an upcoming meeting. School Principals, teachers, and community members comprise this group, of which Debbie Thoma, Shelli Park and Gina Kallman are members. Stefan Nelson’s job may now be allowing him more time to spend on these District-wide issues.

Public Art—Andrea reported on the status of Peter Bjordahl’s project. She will also be presenting the Commission’s approved Public Art Plan at the January 28 City Council meeting.

Maureen reported on the planned public art plaques that will identify artworks throughout the City. She also passed around a draft of the new public art brochure that’s also being planned as a component of the project. There was also discussion on the need to promote these new features to the community once all facets of the project are completed.

Arts and Economic Development—Shelli reported on the Arts and Economic Development Council’s last meeting. There’s interest in scheduling an Arts Summit this year, which could revisit the status of some previously-identified areas and identify new ones to pursue. Shelli will present more information for discussion at the February meeting.

Other- Maureen updated everyone on the successful January Walk –n-Talk, which had an exceptionally large turnout. She also shared information on the new bike racks that are being designed by WABI that are funded with a state grant obtained by the Parks Department. Maureen mentioned future program possibilities, such as a “Bike Art Cruise”, which could be similar in concept to an Arts Walk.

STAFF REPORT

Due to Gina Kallman’s absence, there was not staff report

The meeting was adjourned.