

**CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON**

**Arts Commission  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** March 26, 2013

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

**Arts Commission Members Present:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelley Brittingham	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelli Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virginia Wright
<input type="checkbox"/> Donna DiFiore	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Reay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chloe Swain	
<input checked="" 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  
Alex Stoller, Community Member  
Sybil Davis, Burien Arts  
John Unbehend, Burien Arts

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order. Minutes are approved as amended.

**Burien Arts**

Burien Arts board members Sybil Davis and John Unbehend discussed changes in their 2013 grant based on receiving \$1,000 instead of the \$2,000 requested. Burien Arts will offer four free art workshops for Burien youth. The Burien library will provide space for the workshops in the Multipurpose Room. Burien Arts will reach out to schools with high free and reduced lunch programs to find kids for the free program. They are hoping to have around 12-20 students per class.

**2013 Area of Focus Report**

2013 Arts Commission Area of Focus Plan is adopted as amended.

**AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT**

**Arts Education** – Debbie Thoma discussed the March Highline School District Arts Council meeting. The meeting was around what the future focus of the arts council should be. In 2012-2013 the council focused on music (creating a instrument library, developing music curriculum) and accomplished what they set out to do. The focus for 2013-2014 may be the visual arts, teacher training, and how to teach using the arts. One question for the district is can the budget be increased to give the arts coordinator a full time position? Debbie encouraged commissioners to speak out for the arts. One option is the Imagine Highline website, or the community can

schedule times to meet with the superintendent. There are many ideas on how to get more arts into the schools such as arts intergration, educating the administrators on the importance of the arts, bring the arts into the technology community (STEM to STEAM)...etc.

**Arts and Economic Development**— no report

**Arts and Culture Day**—Andrea reported on the Feb 6<sup>th</sup> event in Olympia. Budget cuts are an issue with the Governor, who has promised not to raise taxes. Andrea suggested the commissioners e-mail their legislatures. The hope is that the Washington State Arts Commission will maintain their funding under the general fund. If Washington does not have a state arts commission then arts organizations would not be able to receive federal funding. Funding for state public art could also be on chopping block. Other issues discussed included the Pay to Dance tax and the Cultural Access Fund.

### **STAFF REPORT**

**Teen writing program**—Staff discussed new writing program being offered for teens at the Burien Community Center.

**Cultural Congress**—Washington State Arts Alliance's Cultural Congress will be held April 22-24

**HSD Student Art Walk**—The art walk will be Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> to celebrate youth art month.

**Reviews**--Staff requested volunteers to do on-site reviews for 2013 Arts and Culture Grantee's: BLT-Andrea, HCSB—Robbie/Katja, Hi-Liners—Andrea, NWAA—Alex, NWSO--TBD

**Burien App**--Michael reported on new city app that has been developed. The virtual launch will be on April 10<sup>th</sup>

**4 Culture**--Retiring arts commissioner Shelley Brittingham volunteered to give a 4 Culture quarterly report to the arts commission in 2013.

The meeting was adjourned.