

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

**Arts Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: May 28, 2013

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sybil Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelli Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virginia Wright
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katja Kloepfer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Stoller	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Reay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chloe Swain	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robbie Howell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine Wendland	

Staff Present:

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

Guests

Lara Davis, Arts Corps Program Director

Minutes

Meeting called to order. Minutes are approved as amended.

Arts Corps

Lara Davis, Program Director for Arts Corps, spoke to the arts commission about the organization and the work they have accomplished in Burien. Ms. Davis also spoke a bit about the work she is doing as a Seattle Arts Commissioner. Arts Corps serves the youth of King County and partners with schools, community centers, crisis centers, etc to bring arts to low income kids. The organization was started as an afterschool program, but has chosen to focus recently on in-school residencies to provide better access for all kids. Arts Corps believes creative habits align and overlap with 21st century learning, such as creating a love for learning, grit, perseverance, persistence and discipline. Artists can also bring many skills to the students when they are able blend the arts with classroom teaching (curriculum). Arts Corps has partnered with the Highline School District for many years, and has worked with Burien since 2008 to create sustainable programming in many Burien elementary schools. They are focusing at this time on visual arts programming, as this is seen as a need as the district does not provide visual arts teachers at this time for grades K-6. Lara mentioned that Arts Corps is not trying to replace in-school arts teachers but to enhance arts programming.

AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT

Arts Education – The Highline Arts Council is looking for two new arts commissioners to serve for the 2013-2014 school year. Sybil Davis and Andrea Reay volunteered to be on the Council.

Arts and Economic Development— Shelli Park discussed the possibility of creating another Art Summit in 2014. Debbie volunteered to provide the commissioners with a summary of the past

summit before the June meeting. Burien Arts has recently hosted three networking meetings and these discussions could also feed into a new summit.

Public Art—Gina discussed the Public Art Catalog project. The signage will be installed in July, and the website and brochure will be available in July as well. The hope is that the project will be launched at the August 4th Walk n Talk.

STAFF REPORT

School Art Walk--Staff discussed the May 9th Highline School District Art Walk. The work was installed in nine businesses. Unfortunately attendance was low, either due to lack of promotion from schools and/or too good of weather.

1st Ave Light Poles--Staff shared information about the First Avenue Light Pole project provided by project designer Paul Fuesel from KPG Design Firm. The metal banners were not a public art project but an urban design element developed by stakeholders.

PSSC Project--Staff shared information about the new sculpture/fountain installed at the Burien Community Center. Puget Sound Skills Center instructor Dale Copeland had presented his ideas for a new sculpture earlier in the school year to the Commission and the commissioners had given him their feedback. The students finished the project and installed the new metal sculpture/fountain on May 23rd. The old sculpture will go back to PSSC to be installed on campus. The new sculpture was created with donated materials and will be a long-term temporary loan.

Additional items

Shelli Park asked if Burien would be interested in purchasing a sculpture by well known Burien artist Phillip Levine, and/or Don Littlejar (who recently had an installation in a Burien Town Square retail space). Staff asked that the process start at the Public Art Committee meeting to be scheduled in the summer/fall.

The meeting was adjourned.