

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

**Arts Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: June 25, 2013

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

<input 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 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 Manager

Guests

Amber Nicol, Normandy Park Arts Commissioner
Ray Street, Normandy Park Arts Commission, SOCO
Sam Sneke, muralist

Minutes

Meeting called to order. Minutes are approved.

Art Walk Murals

Artist Sam Sneke presented the Art Alley project in conjunction with the new B-Town beat music and art walk event. Sam Sneke is a local graffiti and hip-hop artist who has done work nationally and internationally. Sam will be curating the Art Alley Project.

The purpose of the Art Alley Project is to bring attention to an otherwise undesirable area of Burien... We are proposing to have a creative presence in the alleyways to encourage visibility through art & photography, while discouraging all aspects of crime in this designated area. The Art Alley Project will rotate art monthly in coordination with the B-Town Beat Art Walk. This program will also provide ongoing maintenance of the pieces involved (participating businesses only).

Sam is looking to start the project at the July B-Town Beat event with murals on Enviromech (100 ft, up to 6 artists) and possibly at A Place for Pets. All murals will be temporary for possibly a year or so before rotating new artist work. Artists would create the works during the event (and before and after). Staff asked if informational plaques could be provided. The Art Alley Project was approved by the Arts Commission.

Normandy Park Commission Collaboration

Amber Nicol addressed the Arts Commission as an ambassador for the Normandy Park Arts Commission. She spoke about the possibility of developing some type of collaboration (event, exhibition, etc.). The NPAC has a few new projects such as displaying artwork in an empty storefront and a Yule craft bazaar; they also manage art exhibits at city hall.

2012 Arts Commission/ Cultural Arts Department Annual Report

Staff presented the report for approval. Virginia discussed the past history of formal presentations to council. It was suggested that a short introduction to the annual report be done by the commission at the next Council meeting during public comment. Staff will revisit either having the Arts Commission on the agenda for 2014, or presenting during public comment (if appropriate). Virginia asked about changing the policy for 2014. The Arts Commission approved the 2012 Annual Report.

AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT

Arts Education – Staff brought the concept of creating a community arts coalition to help lobby the Highline School District Board to provide more arts programming for students. The coalition could include arts commissioners from Highline cities, artists, businesses members, community members and parents. Staff will send the Highline School District Board Arts Policy to the commission.

Arts and Economic Development— The concept of a second Arts Summit will be discussed at the August meeting. Gina will send a summary of past ArtTalk's to the commission.

Public Art—Staff discussed timeline for the public art project. The signage, brochure, and website will all be finished in July. The staff will be collaborating with WABI to have a Walk-n-Talk on August 4th, 2PM, to focus on the Burien Public Art project.

Arts and Culture Grant Committee

Virginia, Katia and Sybil volunteered to sit on the committee. There was discussion about the issue of conflict of interest when commissioners are also involved with the organizations or artists who are applying for the grants. Staff will follow up on this concern and bring some options back to the commission.

STAFF REPORT

Wild Strawberry Festival—The commissioners were impressed by the new Bandapooluza symphonic band event, as well as the spoken word group that performed at the 150th Stage. Commissioners asked if there could be more artists selling at the event, with possibility of an arts area.

Additional items

Overview of Open Public Meeting Act

Andrea attended a training hosted by the WA Cities Insurance Authority regarding the Open Public Meeting Act. The Act was passed in the 70's and pertains to anything that is written down by public staff and volunteers (boards, commissioners, etc). Email and texting are now regarded as public information. Other facts of interest included: anytime there is a quorum it must be open to the public (meeting and agenda publicly announced in advance). It was discussed how freedom of information and transparency builds trust within the community. Andrea also shared that you do not need to legally provide public comment, but you must allow people to observe open meetings. Andrea shared the power point from the meeting. Staff will scan and send to commission.

The meeting was adjourned.