

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

**Arts Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: September 24, 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 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:

Debbie Zemke, Recreation Manager

Michael Lafreniere, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director

Minutes

Meeting called to order. August minutes were approved.

Arts and Culture Grant Procedure

Debbie reported on the Council's action at their September 16 meeting after reviewing proposed changes to the Arts and Culture grant review process. The Council voted to have staff rank applications, present these recommendations to the Commission, and submit to Council for final decisions. Council expressed a desire to have the Arts/Culture grant review process to be similar to that of the Human Services grants.

Commissioners discussed the process by which the Commission's agreed-upon review procedure was presented to Council on September 16. There was general agreement that an added-on option provided to Council during the staff presentation was not one that the Commission had recommended nor endorsed. After further discussion, the Commission agreed to meet and create a letter to be presented at the next Council meeting. This letter will express the Commission's preference to continue including a panel process as opposed to a staff recommendation going directly to the Commission and then to Council.

Arts Education – no report

Arts and Economic Development

Virginia reported that BEDP had recently reached out to the Arts Commission and had scheduled a meeting with Andrea and herself and Discover Burien.

There was general discussion on the Arts Summit. The three major goals of the event are to: (1) Review what was accomplished after the last (2008) Summit, (2) Increase accessibility to the arts in Burien, and (3) Bring artists and businesses together to support economic development.

Commissioners discussed the merits of inviting all stakeholders to one large event versus having a Summit "series" on more focused topics. The pros and cons of having a larger event with a keynote speaker were also discussed. There is a desire to not duplicate the types of gatherings that have already been held with local arts organizations, such as the Burien Arts' networking meetings.

Public Art

Now that the Seahurst Park project has begun, the Thomas Lindsey artwork (“Taurus”) will be deaccessioned. This action is resulting from a review and decision by 4 Culture, which is the owner of the piece. Michael reported on the possibility for the City to obtain ownership and sell the piece to a local interested party.

Staff Report

Debbie asked Commissioners if they’d had the opportunity to visit the Arts-A-Glow event earlier in the month. She thanked those who volunteered and contributed to the huge success of this year’s event.

The meeting was adjourned.