

**CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON**

**Arts Commission  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** January 28, 2014

**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"/> Jhoanna Whyte	
<input 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 Supervisor

**Guest**

Teri Hein-Founding Executive Director--826 Seattle  
Shelley Mastalerz—KCLS Burien Teen Librarian  
Maureen Hoffmann—WABI

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order. November 26 minutes are approved.

**826 Presentation**

Teri Hein spoke about how 826 Seattle is bringing literary arts education to the community and how they will be looking for a new location in the next few years. 826 creates storefronts and literary education spaces in many cities around the country. Their belief is that if you can write well you can succeed. They also provide in school programs and are at this time working with Highline School District and Burien Library to provide literary programs to youth in the Highline School District (Big Picture, Sylvester, Evergreen High School, etc). They also provide kids the opportunity to be published. Teri explained that to bring a storefront to a community they would need to see a community of need and a community of volunteers. Library and local business involvement is also a key to success along with a supportive community.

**2014 Workplan and Summit**

Gina presented a work plan draft that will be up for discussion at the February Arts Commission meeting. Shelli discussed the summit ideas that included arts commissioner coffee chats with arts and heritage orgs, and a happy hour event for the arts and heritage groups. We also hope to work with Dan Matthews on his next space discussion. These ideas will also be discussed at the February meeting.

**AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT**

**Arts Education** – Gina presented the notes from the December 10<sup>th</sup> Highline Arts Council Meeting. The meeting topics included: reinvigorating the Summer Arts Academy, collecting

current data to determine arts education equitability, more arts opportunities for students in the 2014-2015 school year, and arts advocacy.

**Arts and Economic Development**— Shelli discussed her meeting with Council member Nancy Tosta. Nancy is interested in a two day meeting (forum) to discuss economic development, including the role arts play. The arts commission will wait to hear from council if they choose to move forward with this idea.

**Public Art**—Staff provided an update on the Seahurst public art project. The NEA grant has been submitted and we will know this summer if we have been funded. Staff also asked for direction on a donation of artwork by the family of artist Kenjiro Nomura. The arts commission approved the donation of the framed artworks.

### **STAFF REPORT**

**Empty Bowls**—staff reminded all about the January 31<sup>st</sup> Empty Bowls fundraiser for the local food banks.

**2014 Grant Program Review Schedule**—Arts Commissioners were asked to help review performances of the 2014 grant recipients.

**Annex**--Debbie updated the commission on the plan for the Annex after the fire. The city manager and economic development director are very supportive of rebuilding the theatre as soon as possible and they hope to have done in April for the Hi-Liners and Burien Actors Theater to use again.

The meeting was adjourned.