

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

**Arts Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: March 25, 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 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 and Recreation Director

Guests

Minutes

Meeting called to order. Due to missing information, the February 25 minutes will be corrected and will be reviewed at the April meeting.

2014 Summit/Outreach Discussion

Arts commissioners discussed the ongoing coffee talks with the Burien arts and culture organizations. Commissioners hope to complete the chats by the end of the month and send staff the completed questionnaires to be put into a report. Commissioners have chosen to wait to plan the happy hour until the April meeting to see what the results of the coffee chat conversations show. The commissioners also chose to give the process more time so they can research other cultural groups in the city. The commissioners will start to gather information on cultural groups and will e-mail staff names of contacts they find.

City Manager Interview--Virginia and Shelli served on the city manager review panel and discussed their experience.

AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT

Arts Education – Staff discussed ways the commissioners could provide advocacy for the arts for the Highline School District. Two options are attending a school board meeting on April 23rd, and attending a coffee chat with the school district superintendent on May 7th.

Arts and Economic Development— no report

Public Art—Staff shared research on public art funding programs in other cities in King County. Of those cities four had similar 1% for Art programs to Burien (capital improvement funds), two used per capita funding, one use transportation funds, and one used general budget funding. The arts commission asked to see ordinances from other cities and will discuss more at April meeting.

Arts and Culture Grants—Staff presented a history of grant requests and funding available from 2007-2014. The Arts Commissioners are concerned about the limited funding available in comparison to the funding needed (requested). Staff will do more research and will discuss possibilities at April meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Arts Corps—The city is funding Arts Corp to provide artist-in-residencies in many of the Buriem elementary schools in 2014. For the spring programs are at Southern Heights (visual arts with artist Mylen Huggins) and Seahurst (theatre and visual arts with Geoff Garza). Staff will look into the possibility of arts commissioners visiting some of the programs.

Summer Events—Staff updated the commissioners on the program planning happening for summer events (Strawberry Festival and Music in the Park.)

Additional items

B-Town Beat—Next Beat is April 3rd, and will include art and music. All the downtown real estate offices are now involved, and there are a total of 26 venues. The May event will be combined with HSD student art walk to celebrate youth art month. The June event will focus on crafts, and they will also be involved with the Strawberry Festival by providing activities in the Art Alley.

The meeting was adjourned.