

**CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON**

**Arts Commission  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** April 22, 2014

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Arts Commission Members Present:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Sybil Davis	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelli Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virginia Wright
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katja Kloepfer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jhoanna Whyte	
<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

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order. February 25 and March 25 minutes are approved.

**Future Speakers**

Staff and Arts Commission discussed the idea of bringing speakers to Arts Commission meetings. Some ideas included speakers on: Arts and Cultural Districts, Columbia City Beat Walk and/or other cities art walks, arts commissioners from other cities, Educational speakers such as Highline School District Arts Coordinator Stefan Nelson and/or Una McAlinden-Director of ArtsEd Washington.

**AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT**

**Arts Education** – Staff shared information about the April 1<sup>st</sup> Highline School District Arts Council meeting. Topics at the meeting included equity in arts education and arts integration at elementary and middle school levels. Staff also reminder Commissioners about advocacy opportunities including April 23<sup>rd</sup> school board meeting and May 7<sup>th</sup> Superintendent Coffee Chat at Highline High School at 7:30am.

**Arts and Economic Development**— approximately half of the Burien Arts and Heritage Organization Coffee Chat’s have been returned to staff. Staff has begun to organize the information. At this time the top 3 challenges for local arts and heritage organizations are volunteer needs, space, and marketing. The full report will be shared with the commission once all the interviews are completed.

**Public Art**—Staff shared information about a temporary public art project being created by the Puget Sound Skills Center welding classes under the direction of teacher Dale Copeland. PSSC staff member Victoria Hall has received a Highline Foundation grant and is working with Dale and the Environmental Science Center to create a large metal salmon sculpture that will be filled with recycled materials to teach about keeping our beaches clean. The sculpture will be installed next to the ESC after the park re-opens in the fall.

**Arts and Culture Grant Funding**—the commission reviewed and discussed the past allocations and budgets for the arts and culture grants. Staff has been asked to research how much funding other cities are granting and bring to the May meeting along with the arts and culture programming budgets from other cities for comparison. What orgs we have in the city compared to other cities. Staff will research the idea of grand funding increase request coming from dual departments. Commission asked if minutes and gathered information could be sent to commissioners by May 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **STAFF REPORT**

**Burien Community Center Park Tile Repair**—Staff shared information about the repair of the tiles that lead into the skate board park. The cement structure and tiles were damaged in 2013 when a truck drove into it. The tiles will be recreated to match existing tiles by artist Claudia Riedener of Ixia Tile Tacoma.

Arts-A-Glow Grant—Staff has submitted an ArtsWa (Washington State Arts Commission) grant application to help fund artist Suzanne Tidwell. Suzanne plans to create a large knitted installation at the 2014 Glow.

4 Culture Grants—staff shared information on a new grant opportunity for first time applicants called Open 4 Culture. This grant opportunity has a simplified process and can fund up to \$1500 to organizations and individual arts in King County. More information is available at [www.4culture.org](http://www.4culture.org).

### **Additional items**

Robbie discussed the economic development topic that was discussed at the April 21<sup>st</sup> Burien City Council meeting. She asked for more discussion on Arts and Culture Districts at future commission meetings.

One June 21<sup>st</sup> the city will host an economic development community forum.

Staff shared a recent article on the Burien Empty Bowls event that was published in CityVision Magazine

The meeting was adjourned.