

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

**Arts Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: May 27, 2014

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"/> Jhoanna Whyte	
<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

Michael Lafreniere, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Director

Guests Present:

Nancy Tosta, Burien City Council member

Minutes

Meeting called to order. April 22 minutes are approved with corrections.

New City Manager

New Burien City Manager Kamuron Gurol met with the commission and shared his thoughts on the arts and arts commission and how they enrich the community through community engagement and economic development.

AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT

Arts Education – Staff shared information about the May 27th Highline School District Arts Council meeting. This was the last meeting for the 2013/2014 school year. Arts Coordinator Stefan Nelson was hoping to hear back soon about the 2014/2015 budget and possible increases in funding for the arts. There was also a discussion on how the arts could be increased for students when the 6th graders move to the middle schools.

Arts and Economic Development—

Arts Districts: The commission discussed arts district and staff shared research. Many cities use arts districts to protect existing artists and arts organizations from gentrification and/or encourage arts organizations and artists to move to a city. Staff was asked to bring Arts District draft created by Jerry Robison to next meeting, as well as map of where local arts organizations reside. One hour of June meeting will be set aside to discuss this topic and discuss possible goals.

Coffee Chats: Staff shared the coffee chat information from the Burien Arts and Heritage organizations. Staff hopes to have all information for June meeting. This information could be used for an economic development discussion.

Arts and Culture Grant Funding—The commission approved a minor change to the Arts and Culture Grant Guidelines making fund raising events not eligible to apply. The commission also discussed the need to provide more funding for the Arts and Culture Grants and voted to ask the city to allocate \$40,000 to the fund in 2015/2016.

STAFF REPORT

Summer Events—Staff gave a short review of summer event planning.

Additional items

The meeting was adjourned.