

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

**Arts Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: June 24, 2014

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sybil Davis | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelli Park | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virginia Wright |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Katja Kloepfer | <input 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 Manager
Steve Roemer, Parks Manager

Guests:

Debi Wagner, Burien City Council
Maureen Hoffman, Past Commission Member

Minutes

Meeting called to order. May 27 minutes are approved as amended.

Cultural District Discussion

Staff shared the following information from City Council. The Council is at this time working on its Economic Development Goals. In 2009 the City adopted economic development policy recognizing the economic benefits of the arts and the possibility of supporting an arts and culture district and a small performing arts center. The Council will be looking for direction from the Commission in the near future regarding this discussion. City Council member Debi Wagner added to this discussion with questions such as: What would an Arts and Culture District look like? Where could it be located? She asked the Arts Commission to share any current data with the Council.

Annual Report

Staff shared the 2013 Cultural Arts Annual Report.

AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT

Arts Education – no report.

Arts and Economic Development— The commission discussed how to use data gathered about local arts organizations. Commissioners felt it will be helpful information for Council discussion on arts district and economic development plan. Staff will e-mail spreadsheet to full commission.

Public Art—Staff shared information about the new eagle sculpture that is being offered to the city to replace the stolen eagle sculpture from Eagle Landing Park. Local resident Guy Harper is working with Selah, WA artist Jack McEntire of Cascade Carving to create a 5’6” eagle made

from Western Red Cedar. The sculpture will be installed in a manner to make it theft proof, and resident John White will be paying for the sculpture, installation, and security camera. The sculpture has the support of original artist Galen Willis, as well as area residents. The arts commission supports the project.

Arts and Culture Grants 2015-- Maureen Hoffman and Virginia Wright volunteered to serve on the 2015 grants panel on Thursday, September 11th, 5:30-8:30pm. Staff will send out a request to current and past commissioners to find 2-3 more panel members.

STAFF REPORT

Wild Strawberry Festival—Commissioners discussed the June 14-15 festival. Thoughts included: This year's event was too spread out and could have a better layout, the free bouncy houses were great, the break dancing is always a good part of the event and was more accessible outside instead of in the garage, the games at the vendor booth were fun for families, could the food be better and healthier, are food trucks a possibility. The commissioners agreed that the event should be downtown and works well with the car show.

Additional items

Seahurst Park—Debi Wagner asked staff about plans for a grand opening. Staff explained the issues with park construction timelines and the hope to work on event planning when construction is near completion.

City Aesthetics--Maureen discussed her presentation to the city council comparing Burien to Italy and remarking on the beauty of the Northwest. In her presentation she asked the Council for attention to visual directions and an aesthetic master plan, along with ways the city could be rebranded.

Council Presentations—Commissioners and Debi Wagner discussed the idea of commission making 2 to 4 presentation to the Council each year. Staff will follow up on this idea.

The meeting was adjourned.