

**CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON**

**Art Commission  
MEETING MINUTES  
Date: February 26, 2008  
Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Arts Commission Members Present:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelley Brittingham | <input type="checkbox"/> Laurie Haslund              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Ketcherside |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna DiFore        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maureen Hoffmann | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> June Yormark      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rochelle Flynn                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dane Johnson     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Victoria Hall                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Justin     |   |

**Staff Present:**

Debbie Zemke, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Manager  
Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor

**Guests:**

Randi Lacey  
Barbara Reamer

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order.

The January minutes were approved.

**Officer Elections**

Rochelle Flynn was nominated for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as Chair and Shelley Brittingham was nominated for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as Vice Chair. Maureen Hoffmann was also nominated for Vice Chair but declined the nomination. All were in favor of Rochelle and Shelley continuing their roles into 2008.

**2008 Commission Schedule**

Debbie brought up topic of revising the annual meeting schedule to not meet in July or December, similar to the Parks Board. She noted that for the past two years, we've had difficulty acquiring a quorum for those month. No decision was made, but Commissioners thought that taking December off would be advisable and that being flexible with summer months would make sense, based on work projects happening at that time.

**2008 Areas of Focus Committee Reports**

**Arts Education** – Gina reported for Victoria on the Grid Project. Victoria received a Mad Grant to work with area high school art classes to create artwork to be displayed this spring/summer at B-Town Scoop ice cream shop. Students will be given an old Master Painting to grid, and then each student will copy his/her square. The work will then be put together and displayed at the shop. Victoria is working with area art teachers at this time to get project started. Debbie also added that Victoria was working with area music stores to potentially add an educational aspect to the Beat Walk.

**Public Art** – The Town Square principle public art selection panel will meet April 1<sup>st</sup> at the 4-Culture office from 4:30-9 PM. Commissioners will be driven together to the panel to Seattle. The panel will consist of Arts Commission Chair (Rochelle), Public Art lead (Dane), 1 Parks Commissioner, 1 member of the general public and 1 professional public artist. Debbie and Gina will also serve as advisory staff, but will not vote. Other Arts Commissioners are welcome to attend as non-voting members. The panel will review submissions and pick two artists to join artist Dan Corson to present concept design ideas in June. The panel will then reconvene and choose a recommended design, which will then be forwarded to the Arts Commission.

**Birthday Cake Bus** - The cake bus planning has been finalized and the bus will be in Burien for the 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. The bus will be parked at Karuna Yoga the evening of Friday, March 28 and will be lit up for the dinner event that night inside the Yoga studio. On Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> it will leave the yoga studio parking lot around 11:30 AM and drive to the Highline High School cafeteria for the 15<sup>th</sup> Burien Birthday Party (from noon-4). Arts Commissioners are encouraged to attend the birthday dinner, or to drive by and see the cake lit up on Friday night. Everyone is also encouraged to ride on the bus Saturday and attend the afternoon family event.

**Temporary Art Projects** – Dane has researched the Redmond and Bellevue public art programs with a focus on insurance issues. Both Redmond and Bellevue insure temporary public art, but at this time, Burien is only able to insure artwork that is owned by the city. Dane is speaking with Ignition NW about the possibility of carrying the insurance for this project. Another issue to be worked out is the sidewalk. Since the city has a small maintenance staff it would be difficult for them to take on repair of the sidewalk when the sculpture is removed. The sidewalk repair could also be costly; up to \$1500 to repair one 4' x 4' square. One possibility is to change the material used for proposed sculpture locations on the sidewalk to a cheaper and easier to replace material, such as tile. Dane is working towards creating a process that is sustainable and cost efficient. He's hoping that one artwork piece per year could be coordinated with different visual art programs/museums in the region. For example, if 4 temporary artworks on are display, one could be from Cornish, one from one Seattle Art Museum, one from Tacoma Art Museum, etc. Dane mentioned the possibility of a non-profit partnering with the city to manage the temporary public art projects.

**Downtown Art Walk** – In Laurie's absence, Shelley reported on the Art Walk/Beat Walk plan. The consensus of the Art Walk committee is to give the event a rest and instead focus on creating a Burien Beat Walk. The kick-off event would be the second Friday in September and would combine music, art, performance, and the Lantern Festival that was so popular last year and run by artist Denise Henrikson. The event is being launched with the endorsement from the Columbia City Beat Walk.

**Literary Arts** – Shelley is working on getting a meeting together in March and will report at next meeting.

**City Arts Events** – Laurie was absent, but may have already spoken with Al Parisi on ideas for additional culturally diverse performances for this year's Strawberry Festival and Summer Concerts.

**4-Culture Performance Network** – There have been 40+ projects submitted for 4 Culture's 2008 Performance Network, with many of them designed for a specific site in King County. Some of these performance applications were designed to be performed in Burien. Burien may host Theatre Simple's performance of the Snow Queen at Dottie Harper Parks this summer. Other performances are being looked at for future events.

### **Special Projects:**

- **Arts & Culture** – no report
- **Arts Summit**- Date has been finalized and will be Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be the first of two “conversations” to be scheduled in 2008 to bring Burien arts organizations, artists and those interested in the arts together to discuss a vision for the future of the arts in Burien. Debra Twesrsky from 4-Culture will facilitate the conversation.
- **Aesthetic Masterplan** – Maureen has met with Mayor Joan McGilton and Council member Rose Clark and they are very enthusiastic about the development of a master plan. A focus of the master plan is to create a visual and aesthetic tone for the city. In current city documents (written in 1998-99) both “early 20 century Main Street” are mentioned for 152<sup>nd</sup> Street and Old Burien and “50’s style” is mentioned for 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South. Maureen and will be meeting with city planning staff next month to learn more about the City’s current master plan. Maureen is also researching ideas for banners to be placed in neighborhoods around the city. Kathy has meet with King County Metro representative about artist-designed bus shelters, which are different than the community-designed shelters that are located around King County. A minimum of 25 people must use a bus stop for Metro to install such a shelter. The Burien Transit Center will have a huge impact on the city and also have public artwork. We should consider how can this impact be spread to other areas of the city.
- **Relay for Life**-Debbie introduced guest Barbara Reamer. Barbara gave the Commission an update on the Cancer Relay for Life. The Relay for Life is the largest fundraiser for cancer research in the country. This year’s event will be held June 7-8 at the Highline High School Stadium. The event usually draws 300-400 participants and also honors cancer survivors. One part of the event is the luminaries, which will be created during the event and lit at 10:00 PM for the lap for cancer survivors. Barbara is looking for a captain for the Arts Team who will coordinate the luminaries’ project.
- **BAA** - One last note; Kathy is now the liaison between the BAA and the Arts Commission as she is now a member of the BAA board.

### Staff Report

- **City 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday** – Debbie reminded everyone about the community awards dinner on March 28 and Afternoon Family Event on March 29.
- **Holiday Art Installation** - In regards to the light display being planned for Dottie Harper Park in December 2008, BAA may be partnering with the City on this event. As Paul has resigned from the commission, Kathy will now be the lead BAA contact for this project.
- **Arts Commission number** -: Debbie discussed the topic of total number of commissioners for the Arts Commission. The City currently has 7 members on it’s Parks Board and Planning Commission, and some other Cities have as few as five. It is difficult to be in a continuing situation where we have vacancies and need to recruit/orientate new members. Debbie proposed to shrink commission to 7 members through attrition. Shelley felt the greater number of members on the Commission allows for more involvement. Dane felt that since the Arts commission is more of a working board than an advisory board it also makes sense to have a larger number of members. Dane suggested that the Commission have a range of members, minimum 7, and maximum 11 and that the range would depend on the work load expected by the city. Maureen added that more Commissioners can help by giving more ideas, viewpoints and expertise.

- **Art Specialist** - Gina reported on the hiring of a new Art Specialist for the Moshier Art Center. Alisa Savage will start in mid March and will be responsible for managing the Moshier facility. Alisa has an MFA in ceramics from Washington State University and has been managing the ceramics studio at Jefferson Community Center for the past four years. She is also a studio artist at Seward Park Art Studio and has been teaching at Seward Park and the Kirkland Art Center.
- **Empty Bowls** - The third annual Empty Bowls dinner was held on Friday, January 25 at the Moshier Art Center. 670 people attended the event and helped raise \$8,000 for the Highline Food Bank. The event saw 100% growth this year, so we will be looking at ways to “grow the space” for 2009.
- **SOCO Culture** -: On Wednesday, May 14, from 5:30-8 PM SOCO Culture will be hosting an Open House & Resource Fair at the Kent Senior Center. The event will showcase member art, performance, and information on organizations. Dane also shared his experience from serving on the media information panel at the the January SOCO meeting in Kent.
- **Youngstown Cultural Arts Center** - On Monday, January 14, City Manager Mike Martin and Economic Development Director Dick Loman joined Parks Director Michael Lafreniere with Debbie and Gina to tour the Youngstown Arts Center with Director Randy Engstrom. They were shown this wonderful model of an arts-centered community center merged with live/work spaces housed in an old elementary school. This is a possible model for the Sunnysdale School facility. The meeting hopefully planted a seed for future ideas in Burien.

Meeting Adjourned.