

**CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON**

**Art Commission  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** October 23, 2007

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

**Arts Commission Members Present:**

Shelley Brittingham

Paul Conrath

Donna DiFiore

Rochelle Flynn

Victoria Hall

Laurie Haslund

Maureen Hoffmann

Dane Johnson

Kathy Justin

David Ketcherside

June Yormark

**Staff Present:**

Debbie Zemke, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Supervisor, Al Parisi, Cultural Arts Supervisor  
Amanda Morales, Teen Specialist, Gina Kallman, Art Specialist

**Guests:**

Randi Lacey, Resident, Gwen Benedict, Parks Board Chair, Matt Scarcella, Burien Teen Council

**Call to Order**

Rochelle called the meeting to order.

**Minutes Amended**

Rochelle had some updates to the minutes which Al will correct and submit.

**Update on Burien Parks Board- Gwen Benedict**

Gwen plans to come to Burien Arts Commission meetings with updates on a yearly basis. She wants to have a social where the Parks Board and Arts Commissioners may get together. She shared the Parks and Recreation plan and went through some of the highlights.

Paul said that he is glad that the Parks Board is looking into Dottie Harper Park. He said that it is one of Burien's most beautiful parks and it needs some attention. When the library is gone it might get more desolate in that area. Donna inquired about how veterans got involved with Burien Parks projects. Scott Thomas was able to recruit them. The Veterans will access, and help take out invasive plants and reestablish them.

**Burien Teen Council- Amanda Morales, Matt Scarcella**

There was a Town Forum held at Highline High School where they talked about the issue of litter. They are making an action plan which includes the "Caravan of Cans" which will be a way

to beautify the community by decorating waste cans. They are looking for support and ideas from the Arts Commission for the project. They would like to have local artists involved. When completed, the cans will be paraded in the Clean Sweeps parade. Amanda said that they need help getting in touch with local artists. Paul said that he would put out a call for artists.

Rochelle asked whether we need to have approval from the City. Amanda will talk to Public Works about placing them on streets and Myron about placement in Burien Parks. Cans could be used for recycling. Amanda will ask Steve from public works to talk to Waste Management. Paul suggested that there could be a \$500 per can donation. Rochelle and Al suggested that we could talk to Kelly Lyles about being a participating artist. Home Depot might donate cans.

### **Town Square Meeting**

There were lots of ideas to help narrow down what the criteria should be for the Beacon Art Piece. This will be reviewed at the next Arts Commission meeting. Debbie passed out the minutes of what Milenko Matanovic put together. Debbie said that this is an educational process so that everyone may understand the visioning process, especially the Parks Board. Paul said that everyone seems to be on the same page now. Debbie said that there was respect for other opinions at the meeting.

### **Confirm Date for Arts and Culture Grant Review Meeting**

Debbie e mailed folks who were interested. Monday November 19 is the suggested date for review. The panel includes: Shelly, Laurie, Dane, Kathy and David. There will be a ranking form to help guide through the process. Maureen and Donna were invited to observe.

### **2008 Commission Work Plan**

#### **New project discussion**

Debbie passed out a work plan. There is a meeting scheduled to go over the plan on November 27 at 6PM one half hour earlier than the usually scheduled Arts Commission meeting.

### **Burien Beat Walk-Laurie Haslund**

Laurie talked about the idea of a Burien Beat Walk. Laurie presented a paper which outlined Columbia City Beat Walk and how it operates. It is a community run event and proceeds go to participating musicians. A number of possible venues was presented including the Polynesian Deli. The event could be focused in Olde Burien.

Rochelle asked whether this should be added to the work plan. This is not to replace the ArtWalk. This could happen once a year or build it up to once a month. There will be no vote on this tonight as this is just being introduced by Laurie. Paul asked how music in Burien would differ from Columbia City. Rochelle said that Arts Commission committees are open to the public.

### **Burien's Environmental Aesthetic/Vision- Maureen Hoffmann**

Maureen gave a presentation in which she talked about Burien aesthetics. She gave out a sheet about an aesthetic master plan for Burien at large. Maureen, Donna and Debbie had a meeting about this issue. June said that the public market had a plan for aesthetics. Maureen proposed questions about a master plan and potential involvement of members of the Arts Commission. Rochelle said that the City of Burien won an award for 152<sup>nd</sup> Street. When David Cline was Burien City Manager, he talked to the Arts Commission about developing an Arts Master Plan. There is no overall aesthetic at this point. Maureen said that the City needs to look at the overall aesthetic versus just site specific. On a separate issue, Maureen is questioning where people get arts information from.

### **Arts Events Sponsorship Guidelines**

Debbie will bring something back to the committee for a final look. Maureen made some recommendations about the guidelines.

### **Committee and Project Reports**

#### **Visual Arts Arts education**

Victoria talked about how art is important in the schools. Paul invited all high school art teachers to spotlight art at the Gallery. They will take over the basement of the Gallery. It was noted that the Highline Foundation helps teachers in Washington and Oregon create arts in schools.

#### **Public Art**

No report on Black Rock.

Paul recommended that there should be lighting for the stump piece, which will light up the park, especially the dark corner. Debbie said that the pieces are being removed and restored. Some might need to be recreated. The artist is still alive and is 90 years old. Frog rock drinking fountain is a play rock for kids. The recommendation is to leave it alone and to light and label the pieces.

### **One Percent for Public Art**

One percent of construction costs go into a fund that is to be used at site or elsewhere in city. There is not a lot of money in the fund. There is \$40,000 after 8 years. Can the Art Commission look at it and start spending it? What additional art could happen in downtown area? Dane made a proposal of a temporary art program. Rochelle asked about whether this should be addressed. Debbie said yes and that they should look at Dane's idea, downtown ideas and recommendations.

### **Performing and Literary Arts**

#### **Literary Arts Program**

Rochelle said that Kathleen has moved and will not be working with us. She had some good ideas. Gayle, Shelly and Rochelle met and developed a series of survey questions. They will go to other organizations to see what exists. They will create a literary plan for next year. They meet for dinner third or fourth Wednesday of the month and all are invited.

Rochelle said that Dracula is a huge success including sold out shows. BLT elected a new board. The show drew people from outside Burien. The audience demographics are much more wide spread.

#### **Staff Reports**

Al went to the King County Local Arts Agency meeting which was held in the City of Sammamish. The event featured a discussion about school based cultural facilities and community partnerships specifically performing arts centers. Charlie from 4 Culture said that the Site Specific Program was amazing this year.

Gina said that an art exhibit which features art created by people with disabilities was installed at the airport. Also, Gina helped Mosier get a 4 Culture grant for new potter's wheels. The Empty Bowls Event will be held the last Friday in January. Gina is looking for volunteers. Discover Burien will be partnering with the event which includes a bowl auction.

In regards to the Arts and Culture fund, Debbie said city would not increase funding at last meeting. On November 5 at 7pm there will be a meeting in City Council chambers to talk about greater funding.

Debbie announced that the Burien Arts Association will get \$10,000 directly from the City of Burien. In the past BAA received \$5000 for the Strawberry Festival. The BAA as an organization decided to go directly to the City Council for seed money. Rochelle said that it is interesting that BAA chose to bypass normal process. She would like to find out in fact if this is true. Debbie said that the city did not have new funding for Arts and Culture. Obviously there was some money and Staff was not aware of this. Rochelle said that we need to be made aware of the fund. We have gone through standard review and not heard back and she is not happy with that. Paul and Rochelle will sign up for agenda time.

Laurie made a motion to petition the City Council to be scheduled on the agenda for November 5. Paul seconded the motion. The motion was approved

Steve Mansour is looking for a space that would serve artists. There will be two evenings a week for drop in program with open space in room 5 at the Burien Community Center.

BAA is looking into doing an art installation in Dottie Harper Park in partnership with the City for Dec 2008. Rochelle suggested putting it on work plan.

### **Adjournment**

June moved meeting be adjourned. Victoria seconded. The meeting was adjourned.