

BREMERTON ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Business Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2023
Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Michael Laughlin, Eric Morley, Lynn Horton, Emerald Lessley, Roosevelt Smith, and Asia Renee.

Absent: Marie Weichman

Staff: Cynthia Engelgau, Bremerton Parks and Recreation

Public: none

I. CALL TO ORDER @ 5:34PM

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes, #1ML, #2MW, with changes, all in favor.

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III. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

IV. BUSINESS

Open Public Meeting Act Training Video

Three of the Commissions were not yet present for the meeting, Emerald Lessley, Roosevelt Smith, and Asia Renee. The Arts Commission decided to wait for January to view the video. Marie suggested that it be viewed every January. The AC agreed. Cynthia said one of the topics she wanted to review with the group was about “replying all” to emails sent. “If we do, then that could be considered “doing business” Cynthia said, so she will make sure that on top of her informative emails she reminds them not to “reply all”. Marie asked a question regarding “doing business” outside of meetings when the group will be attending an event, such as an event at the college. “Will we have to notify the public that the whole AC will be there”? Cynthia said there may be a need so she would find out and report back.

Election of Officers

Marie nominated Emerald Lessley for Chair and Lynn Horton for Vice-Chair. Lynn agreed that she would be Vice Chair. Emerald had previously agreed to be Chair. Marie recommended that before continuing with the vote the AC wait for Roosevelt to join the meeting in case, he had a nomination. Marie also said that January would be a good time to review the attendance policy. Eric agreed and noted that all the Arts Commissioners have been doing a good job attending. When Roosevelt joined the meeting, he did not have a nomination or wish to be considered for Chair or Vice-Chair. All voted unanimously for Emerald Lessley as 2023 Chair and Lynn Horton as Vice-Chair.

Arts Commission Roster

Cynthia reviewed the Arts Commission Roster with term dates. Michael and Asia’s terms will end by the end of the month, or they may request re-appointment. They both volunteered to continue for another 4 years. Marie and Eric’s term will end in December 2023.

2023 Meeting Days, Dates, and In-Person

Cynthia asked the AC again about meeting dates and times. There may be the possibility to change to Tuesdays or Thursdays but at this time Wednesdays still works the best for everyone.

Art Image Selection of Art Library

There were three image submissions for December 2022. From those three, one was selected to add to the Art Library.

Open Air Gallery with KRL Update, ideas

Cynthia explained that the Kitsap Regional Library has withdrawn its partnership for the Open Air Gallery's planned four 4x4 panels. Roosevelt asked why the KRL opted out and Cynthia said they were just too busy. The original plan was to celebrate the diversity of Bremerton. Roosevelt had numerous ways to celebrate from Native Americans to founder Mr. Bremer. The Call can celebrate an assortment of diversity in each panel. Marie asked Roosevelt if it would be easy to identify 4 leaders from Bremerton's history? Eric asked Roosevelt if it would be possible to compile a list of historical figures for the AC to consider? Roosevelt agreed to have some ideas ready for the next meeting.

New Call for Art Wrap located at Naval and Burwell

The Arts Commission reviewed the Cultural Call for Art and made a few changes to language and dates. Michael had some technical concerns for image sizes he wanted to work out. Cynthia and Michael will work together to make those changes and once complete send out the call.

DEPARTMENT/STAFF REPORT:

- **Art Maintenance:** Cynthia reported that Chris Mottner from Public Works contacted her about the upcoming round-a-bout project at the Manette Bridge. He said some of the art panels will need to be removed during construction and then re-hung. He told Cynthia that the six wooden panels on the wall may need to be replaced because the wood is starting to rot. Cynthia said that maybe they can be preserved using their images and putting them on vinyl panels. This could cost around \$1,000 a panel. Marie asked who's budget pays for these type of maintenance repairs. Cynthia said that the 1% art fund is the main fund but that other departments have paid for small repairs so far. Other maintenance and financial questions were discussed by the AC. Marie asked if the AC could see options at the next meeting. Eric asked if this could be added to the next agenda for discussion.
Creative District Report Lynn reported that she and Cynthia divided up a list of businesses and organizations to ask for CD support. She has several support letters gathered up. Eric offered to send her his Krampus Nacht list of 32 supporting businesses.
- **CHAIR REPORT**-Eric said that Krampus Nacht was awesome and fun. There were 32 participating businesses, 30 participated in costume, and around 2,000 attended. Businesses reported record numbers of sales and attendance. There will be an upcoming interview and there were great numbers on Facebook. This event was the perfect test case for Bremerton's Creative District.
- **COMMISSION ROUNDTABLE:**
Lynn reported that while gathering support letters for the Creative District she discovered Black Sheep Hat Works. She discovered that Black Sheep is 1 of 6-8 hatmakers of its kind in the US and 1 of 40-50 in the world. This is a dying art form being made in Bremerton. The owner is self-taught and a history buff which helps for hat reproductions.

Marie thanked Eric for two years of fantastic leadership. Eric said it's been a good time. The AC also thanked Michael, the vice-chair and awesome "screen guy".

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 7:02PM.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled via ZOOM for January 11th, 2023 @ 5:30PM via Zoom.