

BREMERTON ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Business Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2020

Attendance: Jennifer Chamberlin, Garrett Nobbs, Marie Weichman, Michael Laughlin, Eric Morley, Roosevelt Smith, and Marie Weichman.

Staff: Cynthia Engelgau

Public: Katie Ketterer-Bremerton Public Works

I. Call to Order @ 5:30PM

II. Approval of Minutes: Approval of minutes, #1GN, #2ML, with correction.
February 12, 2020

III. Public Comment: Katie Ketterer from Public Works came to the AC meeting to give an update on the Quincy Square Project. The AC asked about the process of selecting art for the project and if that would include an all-inclusive outreach. The AC was concerned because they have heard comments from members of the public. Katie has several upcoming outreach meetings with the public to discuss art and design. The newest AC commissioner, Roosevelt Smith, volunteered to assist Katie with outreach and meetings. The AC offered to help with some of the art selections by forming a sub-committee comprised of a diverse group of community members. This group would help develop a process for selecting art, as well as selecting art, with the guidance of the Arts Commission. Marie and the other commissioners discussed ideas on how that would work. Katie asked if Marie could put the proposal in writing and send her an email stating the offer. Marie said she would and will send it to the AC for approval. After the AC approves she will send it to Cynthia to send to Katie.

IV. Business Meeting:

WELCOME ROOSEVELT SMITH

The AC welcomed its newest commissioner with a commission packet and official nametag. Roosevelt told the group that he had originally applied to the Arts Commission when the AC was “starting back up” after a brief hiatus. At the time he was also serving on the Kitsap County Arts Board. Roosevelt has lived in Bremerton for many years and collects Black Americana art. Currently Roosevelt will be hosting an exhibit at the Kitsap Historical Museum in March 2020.

WA STATE CERTIFIED CREATIVE DISTRICT PROGRAM

Cynthia sent the Mayor the letter the AC wrote asking him to consider Bremerton becoming a “Creative District”. Cynthia also sent program materials but has not heard back from him. He has been very busy working on other important City business relating to Covid-19. Cynthia said that when things slow down we will hear from him. Cynthia will contact the WA State Arts Commission in the meantime and see if she can make an appointment to have someone present to the AC and others. Cynthia will send the Arts Commission time and date options.

ART WRAP LIBRARY

Cynthia presented some new art submissions from the 2020 call for art wraps. Several of the pieces submitted were added to the art library.

GOALS FOR 2020

The AC agreed that the draft goals Eric compiled would be used as their goals for 2020. The AC all voted yes to accept them.

GENERIC ART CALL

Garrett developed 3 different responses for Cynthia to use to respond to artists wanting to know if their art was selected. The AC decided that Cynthia should contact the artists to let them know that their art was not selected. If their art was selected for the art library they would be notified that it will be held in the library for two years to be used at a future date.

V. Department/Staff Report: None

VI. Chairwoman's Report/Commission Roundtable: None.

VII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2020 @ 5:30PM.

Cynthia will let the AC know if the meeting will be canceled due to closures.