

BREMERTON ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Business Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2023
Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Michael Laughlin, Eric Morley, Lynn Horton, Emerald Lessley, Asia Renee, and Marie Weichman.

Absent: Roosevelt Smith

Staff: Cynthia Engelgau, Bremerton Parks and Recreation

Public: Dani Gray and Priya Charry

I. CALL TO ORDER @ 5:35PM

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

March 8, 2023

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dani Gray and Priya Charry came to the Arts Commission to present a Zine Festival idea. Dani works at Olympic College, is the secretary of the Downtown Bremerton Association, and a member of Collective Visions Gallery. Priya is the Adult Services Librarian of the downtown branch of Kitsap Regional Library.

The addition of Zines would be the perfect complement to a Poetry Reading event hosted by Bremerton's Poet Laureate, Tia Hudson. Dani had a power point presentation all about Zines pronounced "Zeens". A Zine is a self-published non-commercial print, usually handmade, drawn, typed, collaged, or photocopied. People who make Zines are called "Zinsters". Zines would complement Tia Hudson's poetry reading by making poetry books with her poems. Zinsters love to travel and give away or trade their Zines. The Arts Commission was supportive of the idea and asked various questions. No date or location was available yet.

IV. BUSINESS

Art Submissions: None

Future Project Ideas Continued

Emerald Lessley, Lynn Horton, and Cynthia Engelgau met with Mayor Wheeler on April 10 to share possible uses of the additional spending authority dollars. Below are a few items discussed:

A Bremerton Poet Laureate Poetry Reading with Zine making.

AC Gala and Art Auction

Partner with a non-profit to make events easier and more successful, ie West Sound Arts Council

Develop a maintenance plan for public art

Provide a possible small matching funds grant to artists for public art project.

Update the Public Art Master Plan

Host a cultural art event for first Friday in the government center courtyard.

Coordinate on-line pop-up art show in vacant windows with QR codes similar to Seattle Restore.

Emerald and Lynn reported that Mayor Wheeler was receptive their proposed ideas.

Creative District Update

David Emmons submitted the intent letter to become a Creative District through the Washington State Arts Commission at the end of March. Lynn Horton, David Emmons, and Cynthia Engelgau have begun the online process of answering the questions.

Project Support Request Continued

The Arts Commission reviewed the submitted support request. Emerald asked if the request met the AC's requirements for support. Usually support would be mentioned in marketing materials, possible complementary tickets, or other acknowledgements. Emerald asked the group unofficially what, if any support, they would recommend. Cynthia said she would like to talk to Mayor Wheeler. Marie reminded the AC that their role is to make recommendations. Since the request is for December 2023, the AC will have more time to decide how to proceed.

V. DEPARTMENT/STAFF REPORT:

- Cynthia reported that TrafficWrapz is scheduled to install several art wraps the end of April. One of those wraps will be the Poet Laureate box on 5th street. Cynthia would like to see it done in April for Poetry Month. Tia Hudson, Bremerton's poet laureate has agreed to another two-year term.
- Cynthia does not have an information link to add to the Open-Air Gallery Call for Art. She would like to move forward with the call so will have to find a way to provide a link to artists that ask.

CHAIR REPORT- Emerald thinks the AC Gala and Art Auction are good ideas to raise funds.

- VI.** She proposed that a small group meets to present additional information to the group. Lynn Horton and Cynthia Engelgau volunteered to meet with her before the next AC meeting.

VII. COMMISSION ROUNDTABLE:

Marie Weichman announced that on Saturday, April 15 there would be an installation exhibit at the Olympic College gallery call *Soundscapes*. The event starts at 5:30PM and Mayor Wheeler will be present to talk about Quincy Square.

- VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 7:04PM.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled via ZOOM for May 10, 2023 @ 5:30PM via Zoom.