

AGENDA

CITY OF BOTHELL
BOTHELL ARTS COMMISSION
November 14, 2019 - 6:00 pm
City Hall, 18415 - 101st Ave NE
Conference Room 101

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA IN ORDER AND CONTENT

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Attachment A

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Consideration of October 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Attachment B
2. Living Wall Update
Attachment C

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

REPORTS FROM STAFF

3. Creative Consultancy Stakeholder Meetings Update

REPORTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

1. General Comments and Reports
 - a. Gallery Committee
2. Setting Future Meeting Agendas

ADJOURNMENT

Attachment A

Visitor Comments Protocol

Each person has three minutes to speak unless additional time is requested and approved by the Chair. Comments from the public occur during this time only and at no other time during the remainder of the meeting. The commission may engage in conversation with visitors during this time; however, citizen complaints, concerns, or questions will be encouraged to refer the matter to staff, or asked that the matter be placed on a future arts commission meeting with the appropriate background information provided.

Attachment B

Bothell Arts Commission October 10, 2019 Minutes

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

Present: Kelly Atkinson, Chair; Roy Wilkinson, Vice Chair; Katrina Sather; Mike Doane; Liz Byrne; Ann Lewis

Council Liaison: Tom Agnew

Staff: DeNae McGee

Approval of Agenda

Wilkinson moved to approve the November agenda; Sather seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no audience members present. Wilkinson moved to accept the language drafted for public comment; Byrne seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Presentation

There were no special presentations.

Business Items

1. Wilkinson moved to accept the October minutes as recorded; Sather seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Council Liaison

Agnew reminded Commissioners that he is BAC's council liaison. Any concerns or complaints about the BAC should be addressed with him rather than other council members.

Reports from Staff

1. Based on the Circle of Influence exercise BAC completed with the consultant, a list of desired participants to invite to the upcoming community stakeholder meetings was generated. In addition to this list, marketing to all residents of Bothell inviting them to attend one of the meetings has also occurred. Three community stakeholder meetings are scheduled for October. Dates are also set in November for Phase 2 of the plan. This phase comprises the Art Leadership Team (ALT). ALT will take the feedback generated from the three community stakeholder meetings and weave them together for the development of the Cultural Plan.

Reports of Commission Members

1. General Comments and Reports
 - a. Gallery Committee – The Committee met with staff prior to today’s meeting to review top scoring artists not selected to exhibit in 2020. The Committee selected a photographer to replace the artist no longer available. Staff will contact the photographer and find out if she is interested and available during the timeframe needed.
2. No items were recommended to be added to November’s agenda.

Adjournment

Wilkinson moved to adjourn; Byrne seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.



Report to the Arts Commission

To: Bothell Arts Commission
Date: November 4, 2019
From: DeNae McGee, Tourism Manager
Subject: Former Living Wall Update, Main Floor of City Hall

ISSUE: Ability to convert the former living wall at City Hall into a functional part of the 2-dimensional gallery on a temporary basis in the most cost effective and timely manner.

CONSIDERATION: Receive an update on the manner to be used to convert the former living wall at City Hall into a functional part of the 2-dimensional gallery on a temporary basis in the most cost effective and timely manner.

BACKGROUND: Most recently at the September 12, 2019 meeting, the Arts Commission unanimously voted to “have the city finish sheet rocking the living wall at city hall and add the wall hanging system so it can function as part of the 2-dimensional gallery until the Cultural Plan has been completed.” It is staff’s understanding that the Arts Commission’s objective is to convert the former living wall into a functional part of the 2-D gallery until a permanent plan for the living wall is determined.

The Commission may recall, the living wall was an indoor varietal plant feature that spanned the first and second floors of Bothell City Hall. It was installed at the time city hall was constructed in 2016 and its intent was to be a dramatic piece that the Bothell community could enjoy and take pride in. Due to plant infestation and rising maintenance costs, Bothell City Council approached the arts commission asking if they would be interested in turning the living wall into a space for a dramatic and inspiring work of art.

Although the commission did not formally cast a vote when council made the request, there was verbal consensus to dedicate Public Art funds to transform the wall from a living wall to a fixed work of art. The Commission voted at their April 2019 meeting and a motion passed that the commission “is committed to doing something with art on the living wall”.

City Council adopted a one percent for public art fund in 2009. Funds can only be used for permanent or temporary art and the one percent is only captured when city owned capital

projects occur. There is one hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) currently in this account.

The Arts Commission was adopted by council in April, 2017 and that fall the commission started the City Hall Gallery by inviting area artists to submit 2-dimensional work for consideration to have their work featured on the walls of city hall. The gallery space is in the same area as the former living wall. A sub-committee of the Commission was later formed called the Gallery Committee. The committee is currently considering spackling, painting, and installing the same hanging system used for the gallery by turning the former living wall into additional space for artists to showcase their work.

Also in 2017, council adopted Resolution 1368 establishing policies and procedures for public art expenditures and the implementation of the One Percent for Public Arts Program. The recommendation made by the arts commission will be forwarded to council for final approval.

The Public Works Department has removed the plants and irrigation system and the wall has been prepped for the next step.

DISCUSSION: Staff recently met with the director and facilities manager of Public Works to implement the Arts Commission's vote to convert the former living wall into a functional part of the 2-dimensional gallery until a permanent plan for the living wall is determined. Based on the facility manager's best estimate, the cost to sheet rock the wall will run between five thousand (\$5,000) and ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars. Funds to pay for this job come from the city's General Fund and not the One Percent for Public Art Fund. Sheet rocking the wall was not budgeted in 2019/2020 which means funds are not available to complete this project through 2020. Staff can propose this expenditure for the 2021/2022 budget; however it is not guaranteed that it will be approved. To best meet the objective of the Arts Commission to convert the former living wall into a functional part of the 2-dimensional gallery on a temporary basis in the most cost effective and timely manner, staff will pull back the fabric currently affixed to the living wall, add a 2x8 board, re-adhere the fabric and drill a picture-rail rod to the 2x8 board. This will provide the Gallery Committee the temporary space needed to hang 2-dimensional work until a permanent decision is made about the living wall.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: No motion required. Staff requests that the Commission receive this update.

ATTACHMENTS:

- None at this time

