

Bothell Arts Commission

November 18, 2021 Minutes

Call to order

The remote meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

Present: Hillary Long, chair; Katrina Sather, vice-chair; Kylie Chang, secretary, Kim Foley; Kelly Atkinson; Coby Zeifman; Marybeth Turk.

Excused: None

Absent: None

Council Liaison: Councilman Tom Agnew

Staff: DeNae McGee, Tourism Manager/Art Commission Liaison; Nik Stroup, Parks Director;

Approval of Agenda

Sather moved to approve the July agenda; Foley seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Special Presentation

Christopher Gildow and Kathy Brown gave the Arts Commission an update on the Cascadia Pandemic Memorial. A location for the memorial has been selected and while the memorial is still a work in progress, there is a small but dedicated group of faculty working on the logistics of the memorial. Gildow explained that he and Cascadia College would like to integrate the memorial with Bothell Parks. The current ask is for the Arts Commission to consider providing financial assistance and to help with community outreach for the Pandemic Memorial.

Old Business Items

1. Turk moved to approve the July minutes; Zeifman seconded; Motion passed unanimously.
2. The Arts Commission discussed the Lot D banner option. The developers have not received permits to begin construction. Public art funds or Sustained Support funds could potentially be used to pay for the banner. Turk and Sather both presented possible inspirations and ideas at Lot D. The Commission decided to wait and see what the fence looks like before making any decisions about a banner.

Atkinson reported that the tree lighting festival group says they will be holding a scaled down version of a holiday market with a maximum occupancy of 500 people. Atkinson motioned to donate five hundred dollars in support of the tree lighting festival and was seconded by Sather. The motion failed with one in favor and six opposed. The Commission decided to wait to hear back from Stroup and McGee about whether Sustained Support funds can be used to support the tree lighting festival committee.

New Business Items

1. Turk gave a very informative and comprehensive report of the Planning Committee's recent progress in a presentation going over the four categories of assessment, priorities/strategies, foundation, and approach/focus. The presentation is attached.

Comments from Council Liaison

Councilman Agnew reported that Council has been working hard at finding the new city manager. The BAC is very grateful for all that Councilman Agnew has done for them and wishes him all the best in his next adventures since his term as Councilmember ends at the end of this month.

Reports from Staff

1. McGee reported that the Fire station 42 standalone piece is going very well. The lights previously suggested by the Arts Commission are being incorporated.

Reports of Commission Members

1. The Public Art Committee had no updates.
2. The Chalk Art Committee will give their update at the next meeting.
3. Recommended topics for the next agenda include:
 - Public Art Archive
 - 2021 Budget
 - Pandemic Memorial Update

The Commission will cancel December's meeting due to the holidays. The next meeting will be January 13, 2022.

Adjournment