

Bothell Arts Commission
January 24, 2019

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:16

Present: Mike Doane, Chair; Tori Brazitis, Assistant City Manager; Pat Pierce; Katrina Sather; Kelly Atkinson; Andrew Sobey; Excused: Karen O'Bryan. Unexcused: Roy Wilkinson. City Council Liaison, Tom Agnew, unable to attend.

Approval of agenda and minutes of meeting for December

Pierce, moved; Sobey, seconded. Passed unanimously.

Comments from the audience

None present

Committee/Commission Reports

Gallery Committee: Sobey and Sather shared the city hall art selection process and the artwork chosen for 2019 and 2020. Gallery committee is now working on scheduling the various artists and possible artist reception ideas along with collaborative partners.

Sather made a motion to approve selections, Pierce seconded. Passed unanimously.

Bothell Film:

Doane has reached out to local community groups, including Indian and Latino communities, in an effort to include members in helping determine what kinds of films could be shown at Bothell Film events, and perhaps to help curate and introduce the films. Doane has also followed up with a contact at UW Bothell, for ideas about their participation.

Staff Report

McGee was excused from this meeting. A staff report is included as an attachment to these minutes.

New Business

Atkinson suggested we consider buying art pieces from our city hall gallery each year and donating them to the city. Discussion followed.

Brazitis suggested BAC consider making a new work plan for 2019-2020. Current calendar is to have work plans submitted at the April 19 meeting.

Pierce suggested BAC (and all commissions) have a roundtable with the entire council once a year.

Doane and Sather will attend the next council meeting on February 5th.

BAC will end the February meeting early in order to celebrate Pierce's BAC service.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:15. Sather moved, Pierce seconded. Passed unanimously.

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STAFF REPORT

Creative Consultancy

Although there is a committee for this, the update has more to do with staff directives than committee updates. As you are aware, the Creative Consultancy Committee and staff met with consultant Una McAlinden on December 18 to answer some preliminary questions Una had regarding the desired outcome of the plan. She also inquired about stakeholders from the community that the committee thinks would best represent a broad spectrum, and voice, of Bothell. This group will make up the leadership team that will provide input for the creation of a vision and development of a strategic plan for the arts in Bothell. The next step in the process is Una and I sitting down (February 7) to draft the proposal that is due to 4Culture the end of February. Each proposal will be reviewed by a panel of judges by 4Culture to recommend awards and funding. We won't know if we receive funding until March with projects beginning in April or May.

Sustained Support Grant

I talked to Charlie at 4Culture recently, and the panel is meeting soon and awards will be announced the end of February. As a reminder, this is funding available only to Local Arts Agencies (LAAs). Now that we're an official city arts commission, we applied, and hope to receive funding, on a two-year cycle. These monies can be used any way we like – from facilities to programming costs. At this point in time, we have earmarked these funds for programming costs associated with the gallery and Bothell Film.

Fixed Asset Funding

This grant is for cultural facilities. We applied for funding to build a display case for 3D art in the gallery space. The grant was due in November and there has been a temporary hold on this project pending funding. I am not concerned that the funding is in jeopardy, but it does mean we won't know outcomes until this spring.

Eric Demattos Extends Exhibition

I have asked Eric if you would be interested in extending his exhibit through the month of February as the Gallery Committee finalizes the 2019/2020 artists' exhibitions. My hope is that the first artist set to exhibit begins in March. This gives us ample time to plan for March's exhibit, and, simultaneously, keep art on the walls. As I write this, I have not heard back from Eric. Since I leave for Cabo tomorrow, unless I hear from Eric today, I will arrange to have a city staff person assist him if he arrives on his current scheduled date of Friday, January 25.

City Staff Secretary

We now have a city staff person to act as secretary at our monthly meetings starting in February. Katrina has done an amazing job with this task, but now she can fully engage in all conversations and not have to worry about missing something while taking notes. Sarah Frost, Customer Service Specialist, has volunteered to step up to the task. Thank you very much, Katrina, for volunteering for this position during the past year. You've done a wonderful job! Sarah is paid overtime for this, but it will not be coming out of the arts commission budget.