

Bothell Arts Commission

4/11/19

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:58 pm

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

Absent: Karen O'Bryan

Council Liaison: Tom Agnew

Staff: DeNae McGee

Introduction: Chair Doane introduced new commissioner, Elizabeth Byrne. Liz works for the Seattle Art Museum, lives in Bothell, and also volunteers with the Bothell Historical Museum. Welcome Liz—we're looking forward to working with you.

Approval of the Agenda:

Roy Wilkinson moved to approve the agenda with the only change amending the start time from 7:00 pm to 6:00pm. Sobey seconded. Amended agenda approved.

Discussion of the minutes:

Atkinson moved to amend the minutes to reflect that Atkinson requested the creative consultancy committee continue working with the consultant prior to the stakeholder meetings occurring. Sather requested the minutes be amended by changing "they" to "SeaLug" in regard to who is responsible for the upkeep of the LEGO model. Wilkinson moved to approve the amended March minutes. Sobey seconded. Amended minutes approved.

Comments from the Audience:

Surya Pathak, Associate Professor of Business at UW Bothell, discussed his student's assignment to develop a marketing strategy and process improvements for the Bothell city hall gallery artist reception. McGee reported that this was a great partnership, Pathak's students had usable ideas, and she encourages the commission to continuing working with UW Bothell faculty and students on future projects.

Staff Report:

McGee reported that 4Culture will contract with the City of Bothell and Una McAlinden to fund the grant award for Phase 1 of the Creative Consultancy project. The city will contract directly with Una for Phase 2 of the project since 4Culture is not funding this part of the project.

Sobey moved to suspend the order of the agenda and move to New Business. Wilkinson seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

Sobey moved to open discussion of the Lego project presented at last month's meeting. Atkinson seconded. Motion passed.

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Atkinson moved that BAC detach themselves from the LEGO project and no longer act as sponsor. Sather seconded. Discussion then followed with a vote.

Atkinson voted yes to detach the commission from the project. Doane and Byrne voted no. Sobey, Wilkinson, Sather abstained.

Motion fails. BAC continues to sponsor the Lego project.

Staff Report Continued:

McGee reported that staff, Doane, Atkinson, and Sather's presentation of the BAC adopted 2019 Work Plan to council is coming up on Tuesday, April 16. At this meeting, council will vote on whether to adopt the work plan.

McGee showed the "Best in Show" for public art by the Americans for the Arts Public Art Network Year in Review, 2018 with the idea of showing BAC the range in price and possibilities for art to replace the living garden art wall at city hall.

Committee Reports and Action Items:

After discussion of the garden living wall that was removed due to infestation, Wilkinson moved that BAC be committed to doing something with art on the living wall. Sobey seconded. Motion passed.

The Gallery Committee announced that Kim Leo is set for the artist reception on May 21. In addition to the artist being in attendance, the community and council/boards/commissions are also invited. The committee is working on marketing avenues including sandwich boards announcing exhibit hours for placement outside city hall, posters and postcards distributed around town, and organic and paid social advertising through the city's social media outlets.

New Business:

Karen O'Bryan has resigned due to family obligations. Staff will work with the city clerk's office to fill the position.

The Parks Foundation fundraiser is Wednesday, April 17 from 5 to 11 at McMenamins. Half the proceeds will go to fund the dog sculpture planned for one of the parks in Bothell.

Adjourn:

Sobey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. Wilkinson seconded. Motion passed.