ANACORTES ARTS COMMISSION

Co-Chairs: Rita James & Kathy Clarke

Karla Locke | *Marius Hibbard*
Diann Bradley | *Chuck Rust*
Betsy Humphrey | *Cory Hunter*
Elisabeth Oakes

May 12, 2011

Members Present: Rita James, Diann Bradley, Karla Locke, Marius Hibbard, Chuck Rust, Cory Hunter, Kathy Clarke, Betsy Humphrey & Elisabeth Oakes.

Staff Present: Gary Robinson and Mary Snyder.

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00.

Minutes: Minutes from the April meeting were approved as submitted.

Public Comments/Communication:

- Rita stated that the grant being sought from the Arts Festival for the event "The Art of Moving Forward" was not received as the committee felt that the event was duplicating what is already be offered thru different avenues.

Ongoing Business:

- **Art of Moving Forward Recap** – Karla gave a brief summary of the event that was held on April 29th – 30th. There were 20 attendees and review/comments of the event were very favorable. The speakers were amazing and Karla would like to see about offering another class in the fall with Jeanette Smith. Karla inquired about sending a thank you from the commission to the speakers. Karla was thanked for all of her hard work on this project.
- **Loaned Sculpture Update** – Diann gave a summary of artwork locations for the second round of the outdoor sculpture program. There would be locations for 2 existing pieces and the artists will be contacted to seek approval for both the current pieces and the new artwork. The event slated for the artwalk on June 3 at the Majestic was titled "Last Call" and will be held at the Majestic. Current loan sculptures will be on exhibit for purchase. Marius will work on rack cards to place on the tables within the facility promoting the event.
- **Roundabout Sculpture Update** – Gary has been unsuccessful in attempts to obtain permission from the Department of Transportation for placement of the artwork "Aerie" by Merilee Moore on Commercial Avenue and Highway 20. It was decided that if no word is heard by June 1, then Kathy, Rita and Cory will make attempts. Fundraising was discussed and agreed that it would raise awareness and participation of the arts commission. Chuck, Cory and Kathy will work those efforts, including Wallie Funk in the process.
- **Retreat** – The last retreat was 1 ½ - 2 years ago and since it was successful in helping to achieve goals, another retreat is slated for July 13 from 1 – 5 pm. A venue will be sought to accommodate such.

New/Other Business:

- Kathy stated that she recently attended a meeting wherein ACT Theatre was expressing a need for a larger venue. Needs of other art organizations were also discussed and combining efforts. It was agreed that this should become a topic for the retreat.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:10.

The next regular meeting will be held on ***Wednesday, June 8, 2011, 4:00 pm*** at the ***Library Meeting Room.***

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Snyder