

ANACORTES ARTS COMMISSION

Chairperson Rita James
Kathleen Faulkner
Dik Haddox
Marius Hibbard

Fred Abelman
Zac Elander
Maria Petrish
Dave Cortelyou

July 12, 2006

Members Present: Rita James, Dik Haddox, Marius Hibbard, Zac Elander, Fred Abelman and Nia Heffelfinger.

Staff Present: Gary Robinson.

Others Present: Steve Babbitt

The meeting was *called to order* at approximately 4:07 by Rita James.

Minutes: June minutes were amended to include the attendance of Nia Heffelfinger and Paul Rukundo and approved as such.

Public Comments:

Rita stated that she received an email forwarded from the Mayor from a citizen asking about the Anna Curtis mural that was on the Old Wilson Hotel and they would like to see that replaced. The request has been placed in the Wilson Hotel file and will be forwarded to the jurors.

Correspondence/Communications:

- Gary reported on the progress of the West End Park process and stated the inclusion of art in one or both of those parks has been an element talked about in the planning. Involving the group to envision art placement was discussed.
- Rita stated that Anacortes is represented in the July & August issues of Southwest Art, a national arts publication.

Governance & Guidelines: Dik and Zac presented the document that they have been working on. The commission reviewed and amended a portion of the guidelines and it was agreed that review will continue next month until completion. It was requested that members look ahead and have changes noted for discussion at the next meeting.

Leo Osborne Sculpture: Zac stated that he did not get in contact with Wallie Funk in regards to fundraising, however he would like for his wife, Shirene, to attend a meeting to talk about basic concepts of fundraising and a background on opportunities. It was agreed that this will be added as an agenda item for next month.

Charles Smith Sculpture: The posts needed to support the structure have arrived and the park crew will try to place the sculpture by the end of the month.

Wilson Hotel: The call to artists got revised with everyone being pleased with the results. Rita stated that she posted the call on a couple of websites but is struggling on how to get the call out to mural related sites. The need for locating artists and creating a database was discussed. Jurors for the project will include a member from Beacon Development, the Housing Authority, possibly Wallie Funk and 2 others.

Artwork for Port Project: Gary stated that he developed a contract for the model artwork with the three chosen artists to be paid \$1,000. The contract stated that the piece would then become property of the Port of Anacortes. An artist has expressed interest in receiving his model back and with the Port's agreement, the line was struck from the contract. Rita stated that she received a call from chosen artist Steve Jensen because the original call had listed a range of \$75,000-\$100,000 and the actual contract stated a fee of \$85,000. Range vs. set fees were discussed and it was felt that the jurors would not choose an artist based on fees.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:42.

The ***next regular meeting*** will be held on ***Wednesday, August 9, 2006 – 4:00 PM***, at City Hall, Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Snyder

Approved: 8/16/2006