

ANACORTES ARTS COMMISSION

Chairperson Rita James

Zac Elander

Dik Haddox

Dave Cortelyou

Bev Larson

Nia Heffelfinger

Marius Hibbard

Don Bergner

Kathy Clarke

Bill Berry

March 12, 2008

Members Present: Rita James, Zac Elander, Don Bergner, Marius Hibbard, Dave Cortelyou, Bill Berry, Kathy Clarke, Bev Larson and Nia Heffelfinger.

Staff Present: Gary Robinson and Mary Snyder.

The meeting was *called to order* at approximately 4:02.

Minutes: January minutes were approved with corrections – Rita clarified that the Arts Festival partnership program is two dollars match for each dollar spent by the applicant.

Public Comments: None.

Correspondence/Communication: Dik Haddox has resigned from the Art Commission, unable to commit for another three years.

Ongoing Business:

- **Port Project** – Becky Darden of the port has stated that Gerard Tsutakawa has finished his sculpture and will be placed at the Cap Sante basin in April. The Arts Commission was omitted from the donors dedication plaque and discussed was the possibility of another plaque that will recognize the Art Commission among others for their roles in securing the artwork.
- **Sam Green Reception** – Sharene Elander thanked all who contributed towards the reception and circulated a sample of the invitation, which will be addressed next week. The reception will be held on Saturday, April 12 from 6-8 pm at the Anacortes Library. Two grants have been sought, one from the Anacortes Arts Festival and Humanities of Washington.
- **Art Series** – The Arts-4-All event was held on Sunday at the Library with readings of Robert Sund's poetry by members of the Washington Poet's Society and followed with music by the Mt. Erie Chorus. Don will work on scheduling a meeting of the art organizations to plan for the upcoming events.
- **Arts Brochure** – Rita stated that she will check with the graphic designer working on such. The brochure will show photos of public art and brief history, along with listings of art organizations and a map of public art. Zac showed an example of LaConner brochures which allow for inserts of current happenings. It was agreed that Marius, Rita and Kathy will work together on publicity.
- **Sculpture Placement** – Bill and Zac identified 36 locations that got narrowed to 17 along Commercial Avenue, south of 12th Street. Bill has talked to 11 landowners and has sought permission. Bill and Zac will work on written procedures and Gary will check on supplemental insurance costs for a loan sculpture exhibition. Zac will check on costs that LaConner incurred for their public art display. Bill was thanked for all his hard work on this project.

- **Hospital Artwork** – Dave stated that more pieces are arriving, making the hospital one of the largest collections of artwork in the city. Future outdoor sculptures will be placed when the courtyards are finished.
- **Banner Project** – Zac explained that 20 people requested the prospectus resulting in 4 entries. The jury met in February, rejecting all 4. The Chamber has since decided to withdraw from winter banners. Zac will draft thank you letters for the submissions as well as the jury.
- **Commission Officers** – All were asked to evaluate the needs of the commission and possible replacement officers. Nia will look further into the high school replacement.

Other Business:

- Rita asked if there were any volunteers to chair the commission. The duties were discussed and this will be addressed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:40.

The *next regular meeting* will be held on *Wednesday, April 9, 2008 – 4:00 PM*, at City Hall Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Snyder

Approved: 4/9/2008