

ANACORTES ARTS COMMISSION

Chairperson Rita James

Zac Elander

Don Bergner

Kathy Clarke

Bill Berry

Marius Hibbard

Dave Cortelyou

Bev Larson

November 12, 2008

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

Staff Present: Mary Snyder.

The meeting was *called to order* at approximately 4:05.

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

New Business: Ana Fakkema, an Anacortes High School student, was introduced. She gave a brief summary of her interest and involvement in the arts. **A motion was made to recommend Ana Fakkema as the student member of the Anacortes Arts Commission. Motion was seconded and approved by all.** Discussion ensued over the current openings on the commission, with Dave and Zac leaving at the end of the year. **A motion was made to recommend to Mayor Maxwell the appointment of Courtney Orrock for the current open member position. Motion was seconded and approved by all.** It was decided that the regular December meeting will be informal with refreshments to thank Dave and Zac for their years of service and to also invite prospective members to get acquainted.

Ongoing Business:

- **Sculpture Exhibit** – Zac stated that he will continue to be involved in the sculpture exhibit after leaving his commission seat. The details of the contracts and prospectus have been worked on and will soon be presented to the city council for approval. Various avenues of calling to artists were discussed.
- **St. Nicholas Music Event** – Maria Petrish corrected information previously reported, stating that the event is being held by the Depot Arts Center at the Croatia Cultural Arts Center, one show only on Dec. 5 with Anacortes Concert Singers under the direction of John Fahey and tickets are \$25. Maria would appreciate any help with promoting this event and will contact Tony Kubena about placement on Channel 10. She sought permission to advertise support of the Arts Commission on programs handed out at the event. There will be other musical events by the Depot Arts Center and Maria would appreciate help with promoting these.
- **Round-a-bout** – Jack Darnton of the Chamber Beautification Committee is interested in being involved with the round-a-bout artwork placement process. Kathy has been in contact with Eric Shjarback, COA engineering, and this project is slated for 2009. Kathy will be sure to invite Jack to the next meeting which should be in Dec. or Jan.
- **Publication** – Rita stated that the brochures, a 20 page booklet that will list public art in Anacortes, are currently at the printers. 2500 are to be printed and it was suggested that the brochures be unveiled at the council meeting before being circulated to the community.

- **Arts 4 All** – Don stated there was a small meeting on November 5. The Skagit Valley Camera Club is interested in an event to be held in conjunction with the quilting event in April. Don will check on the availability of the port facility. Marius stated that there is a possibility that the Croation Cultural Center could be used for this event and have the Croation dancers perform. Don will hold another organizational meeting in January

Other Business:

- Ann Preston introduced herself and stated that she will be opening a cooperative gallery at 401 Commercial Avenue featuring 20 local artists. She inquired about involvement in the community. Her gallery will also be sharing space with a day spa and skin care product developer.
- Rita inquired about restoration of the Kenneth Callahan mural in the Post Office. This was a project that was initially talked about at the inception of the Arts Commission. There was discussion over the feasibility and responsibility since the piece is the property of the United States Post Office.
- Don stated that he was recently on a trip and happened upon the Taos Artist Studio Tour. 128 artists were represented and a brochure was circulated explaining the tour. Discussed was the possibility of having a similar event on a smaller scale in Anacortes.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:01.

The *next regular meeting* will be held on **Wednesday, December 10, 2008 – 4:00 PM**, at City Hall Main Floor Conference Room. Please note the change in location for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Snyder

Approved: 12/10/2008