



ANACORTES ARTS COMMISSION

Members: Karla Locke, Chair - Marius Hibbard, Betsy Humphrey, Lanny Bergner, Terry MacDonald, Laura Hamilton, Lisa Rhoades and Zachary Wight

May 8, 2019

Members Present: Lanny Bergner, Karla Locke, Betsy Humphrey, Marius Hibbard, and Lisa Rhoades.

Staff Present: Mary Snyder

Called to Order at approximately 4:09 pm.

Minutes from the March and April meetings were approved.

Public Comment: The Sam Hamill poetry event starts tomorrow. Many events are being held at the Croation Cultural Center. More information on the event can be found on the Seattle Poetry Lab website.

Depot Events: Kris Strell had her event at the Depot on Friday/Saturday and it was a huge success. Kris was very pleased with the attendance, the raptor show and sales. There will not be any first Friday shows in the Depot until October.

98221 Studio Tour: 36 applications have been received thus far, which is not far from the numbers of last year's show. There are a few new applicants from the previous shows.

98221 Studio at City Hall: The June show will feature work from the Art Commissioners in the council chambers and also feature Zac's post card art. The hallways at city hall will feature photography from lesser known photographers of Anacortes, with the theme "Images of Anacortes".

Madrona Grove Sculpture Exhibition: About half of the sculptures are placed at the Depot and Madrona grove for the 2019 show. Once all are placed, Marius will take pictures and brochures will be made. Signage will be done soon. Betsy is seeking a piece of artwork from Allen Moe to be placed on the storage container. Mary will ask about attachment of such.

Creative District: Karla stated that she has approached Meredith, Rita and Jennifer of the Arts Festival about taking on the project of becoming a certified creative district with the State. There was much interest and they have communicated with the state on what would be required. They will inquire with their board and will possibly start the process in the early fall. The arts commission would still be involved. The possibility of exploring a venture with neighboring cities was discussed.

Budget Goals: Currently the arts commission has funding through the use of city personnel and materials as needed. The topic of needing larger funds for various projects was discussed, along with other budget needs. It was discussed that possible lodging tax funds could be used for specific projects or needs. The need for larger stipends for the Madrona Grove artists was one need. Jonn will be consulted for any budget needs or requests are sought.

Other Business: Marius stated that the Sister Cities group will be going to Croatia in September. There is a project that will be going on while the group is there wherein a group of artists will be

making mosaic sidewalk art. The possibility of something related to Anacortes was discussed for inclusion of this project.

Marius stated that there will be another student show at the Croation Cultural Center during the June artwalk. Marius will be hosting a show in the adjacent room at the same time.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:40.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 4:00** in the Library meeting room.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Snyder

Approved: June 12, 2019