

Minutes of the
City of Gig Harbor Arts Commission
April 11, 2006
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Renee Crist called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Roll was taken.

PRESENT: Commissioners Renee Crist, Betty Willis, Mary Rae Lund, Del Woock, Sally Dutton, Carolyn Scott Arnold were in attendance. Excused: Kit Kuhn, Karla Epperson and Robert Smith. City Staff Maureen Whitaker took minutes of the proceedings.

WELCOMING NEW COMMISSIONERS:

Renee welcomed the two new commissioners, Sally Dutton and Carolyn Scott Arnold and asked them to introduce themselves. Robert Sullivan was not able to attend this meeting due to a prior commitment.

Sally Dutton is a retired teacher from the Tacoma district who co-owns Cedar Springs, a local retreat for artists. She is a textile arts and quilter. She comes with a variety of experience.

Carolyn Scott Arnold is a retired microbiologist with an art minor. She grew up in the arts, lived in New Jersey until she was age sixteen. Her father studied under Norman Rockwell, her uncle was a painter and an opera singer in the Metropolitan Opera. Carolyn teaches water color in her studio on the Key Peninsula. She is on the board of directors for Two Waters Alliance. She does approximately eighteen shows per year. Carolyn loves to paint.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The members read the minutes of the March 14 2006, meeting.

MOTION: Approval of the March 14, 2006, meeting minutes as presented.
Lund/Woock – unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Rotary Pavilion – Progress Report: Renee provided some background to the new commissioners regarding the public art installation by artist Mardie Rees at the Rotary Pavilion. Renee reported that the concrete color had been selected and the installation date was April 21st. May 6th was the scheduled Artist's unveiling. Renee suggested that Mardie contact Tourism and Marketing Director Laureen Lund.

2. Drawing You In Program – Lita Dawn Stanton: Renee explained the functionality of the 6-week live figure drawing program that met every Wednesday at noon at the Rotary Pavilion. The GHAC funded the program under the leadership and organization of past commission member Lita Dawn Stanton. Renee discussed the need of purchasing some easels for 2006 and reported that Lita was going to report back about her conversation with Doug Mitchie and PAL regarding their possible involvement this year. Renee would contact Lita regarding the status of this conversation. She also spoke about the need to reserve the Rotary Pavilion for the Wednesday dates. [Has this been taken care of?]

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Betty explained the new process for electing the Chair and Vice Chair positions. These positions change annually. The Vice Chair would become the new Chair for the following year. All members agreed that this would benefit the GHAC and provide greater continuity. The past Chair would also assist the new Chair if needed. Renee nominated Betty Willis as 2006 Chair and asked if there were any other nominations. There were none others. Del Woock seconded the nomination. Betty accepted the nomination.

Renee then nominated Robert Sullivan as Vice Chair and asked if there were any other nominations. Renee stated that she had discussed this nomination with Robert and he agreed to accept the position as Vice Chair if nominated. Renee asked the Commission if there were any other nominations. There were none. Mary Rae Lund seconded the nomination.

Betty thanked Renee for her excellent leadership and hard work over the past year. Renee said that she would be available to assist Betty as the torch is passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PAL Art Show – There was discussion why this had been on the agenda over the past years. The reason was that the hanging system had been purchased by the City and Lita Dawn and a few other members on the GHAC had assisted PAL with the hanging of their annual show in the past years due to the uniqueness of the system. PAL's show would be hung the first week of May with their festivities on Saturday, May 6th at the Civic Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

May 9, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:11 P.M. – Willis/Woock – unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Maureen Whitaker