

Minutes of the
City of Gig Harbor Arts Commission
June 14, 2005
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Renee Crist called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and roll was taken.

PRESENT: Commissioners Renee Crist, Lita Dawn Stanton, Kit Kuhn, Mary Rae Lund, Karla Epperson, Del Woock, Chris Erlich, and Nancy Weaver. Absent and excused were Betty Willis and Staff Member, Maureen Whitaker. Mary Rae Lund took minutes of the proceedings in the absence of Maureen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The members read the minutes of the May 03, 2005, meeting. The minutes were amended with regard to the Roll Call to show that Nancy Weaver arrived late to the meeting and Chris Erlich was absent and excused.

MOTION: Approval of the May 3, 2005, meeting minutes as amended.
Kuhn/Erlich – unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Rotary Pavilion:** Lita Dawn Stanton provided an update on her meeting with the Fishermen's Club. They agree the park should be named for the Skansie Brothers, with a historical marker commemorating Andrew Skansie to be placed on the house at a future date. Regarding the statue to be created by artist, Mardie Rees, it will be rendered in concrete, and Ms. Rees will present color choices for the cement at a future GHAC meeting. The contract and negotiations with the artist will be handled by the City of Gig Harbor. The Rotary Club will provide the extra \$2000 in funding for the statue. Ms. Rees' contract should state that she will coordinate with Rotary and the Public Works Department to develop a timeline and determine scheduling for installation. The GHAC will not participate in these arrangements. The installation will likely occur in January, 2006. The dedication may be scheduled to coincide with a later Gig Harbor celebration such as the Blessing of the Fleet.
2. **Banners:** Lita Dawn showed members a mock-up of the street banners created from the drawings by elementary school student, Erin Shively. The banners were supposed to have been printed and hung in time for the Maritime Gig, but that deadline was missed. They have since been printed and will be hung as soon as the City can schedule it. Kit Kuhn recommended that the GHAC follow up to make sure the hanging does not get put off indefinitely. Lita Dawn will call the Public Works Department.

3. Public Art Sites List: Renee Crist led a discussion on the Idea Worksheet for proposed art acquisition project locations. She announced that the site at North Harborview Drive, the Beach Park at the end of Peacock, is not owned by the City, so it was removed from the list. The Pump Station and Green Park have been added to the list. Potential sites will be an ongoing topic of discussion, and other new sites may be added.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. GHAC Policies and Procedures: Renee informed members that various policies and procedures have been newly refined since the Commission began four years ago. An annual timeline, month-by-month delineating projects and tasks is being developed to allow for better continuity from year to year. For the benefit of new members, Renee reviewed document 2.49.030 on the GHAC mission and members' responsibilities. She recommended that new members read past minutes to become aware of outstanding issues and thereby better anticipate and understand upcoming business.
2. Rotating Public Arts Program: Chris Erlich reported her findings on Puyallup's and Wenatchee's Rotating Public Arts Programs, which have been operating successfully for several years. The advantage of such programs is a.) public participation in the public art selection process and b.) the slow, gradual acquisition of public art. This kind of program can be very labor intensive, and, were we to adopt it, the GHAC's relatively small budget would likely require that we keep the program very small scale. Renee pointed out that we would also need to consider the GHAC timeline to determine when during the year we could fit in a project of this kind. Chris will continue her research on the Puyallup and Wenatchee programs and will report back next month. It was suggested that all members search the internet for information on similar programs.
3. Cushman Park Trailhead: Lita Dawn offered to contact Public Works about the timeline for the Cushman Park Trailhead and to discuss whether there would be opportunity for us to provide public art there. Functional art was discussed as optimal for this setting, a bench, fountain or decorative tiles, etc.

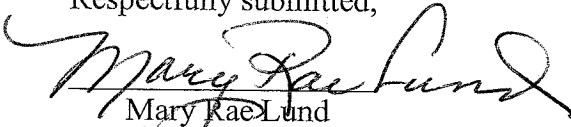
NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

July 12, 2005, 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:10 P.M.
Stanton/Crist – unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Rae Lund
(for Madreen Whitaker)