



The City Of Gig Harbor Arts Commission

Minutes of the Gig Harbor Arts Commission Meeting Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Call to Order/Roll

The meeting was called to order by Chair Betty Willis at 7:10 P.M.

Present: Betty Willis, Bob Sullivan, Renee Crist, Mary Rae Lund, and Karla Epperson. **Absent:** Sally Dutton, Del Woock and Carolyn Scott Arnold. Minutes taken by staff Maureen Whitaker.

New Business:

I. Introduction of Mayor Hunter.

Mayor Hunter recognized and thanked the GHAC for their continued hard work. Betty described the prime function of the GHAC was to purchase public art and administer grants. Mayor Hunter stated that he thought the annual mini grant program was an important benefit to the community. Betty explained the public art projects that the commission was currently interested in. She also mentioned the bronze cormorant that was offered to the city on behalf of the Bonney family and some of the locations that it could be placed.

Mayor Hunter spoke about the Scofield property, which is the tidelands estuary located next to the kayak shop on Harborview Drive. He spoke about organizing a community clean-up day to clear some of the non-native vegetation and clear an area for a pedestrian pathway.

He further discussed the Eddon Boat property and stated that there is still another year of clean-up required. In the interim, he would like to make a walkway with some landscaping, and discussed the possibility of embedding something in the walkway similar to what other cities have done. He added that the lower portion needs to remain unfinished until the bulkhead is restored. He welcomed collaboration from the GHAC.

Mayor Hunter spoke about the city testifying in Olympia in support of the Barn Bill, of which the Wilkinson Farm could benefit from this funding. The barn and outbuilding may be a suitable candidate for funding that could assist in the restoration these buildings.

II. Procedures for Call for Artists through the Jury Process.

Bob provided two handouts from the Americans for the Arts, entitled: Public Art Network Issue Paper – Methods of Artist Selection, March 2004, and Call for Artists Resource Guide that could be of great assistance in putting together a Call for Artists. He discussed a short list that contained fourteen items and spoke in more detail about the Americans for the Arts artist selection. There was a suggestion to do a general Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to produce a roster of artists.

Renee spoke highly of this short list and suggested that the commission make this a part of the Call for Artists process. Bob asked the commission members to read both handouts for discussion at the next meeting.

III. Contacting individuals regarding future openings of GHAC – Letters of interest received to date.

The commission members agreed that the Call for Commissioners should be extended to March 15th to garner a greater response from the community. Maureen said that she would send out all of the letters of interest received by March 15th for the commission members to review and make their recommendations to Betty.

IV. Contacting individuals from Fox Island regarding future openings on GHAC.

There was discussion about how many vacancies were inside and outside city limits. As it stands, there are two vacant positions available for individuals living or working inside the city limits and two positions available for residing outside city limits. There was discussion if someone could apply from Fox Island. There did not appear to be anything in the by-laws that prohibited anyone from applying outside the city limits.

V. Review of Art Piece from Local Citizen, March 3, 2007 at noon.

The commission members finalized their plans for the field trip to review the bronze cormorant that the Bonney family wished to donate to the city. The city's arborist, Dan Lilley would be there also to review and inspect the piece. Should the piece be recommended for acceptance by the GHAC and Public Works, the next steps would be to present it to the Parks Commission, then formally presented to City Council. Maureen to check with the City Clerk to verify if an agreement needs to be signed by the donor.

VI. Status of 12 Grant Applications reviewed by GHAC on February 13, 2007.

Betty explained that the twelve grant applications that the GHAC recommended for funding were accepted by the City Council at their February 26th meeting. Betty prepared the grant award letters that were mailed to each recipient and to the one group that was denied funding.

VII. Public Comments


VIII. Adjournment

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 8:50 P.M. – Epperson/Lund – unanimously approved.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING RESCHEDULED FOR:

March 20, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Engineering Conference Room.

Respectively submitted:


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