



# GIG HARBOR ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

**DATE:** May 14, 2014  
**TIME:** 5:35 pm  
**LOCATION:** Executive Conference Room  
**SCRIBE:** Molly Towslee  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charlee Glock-Jackson, Tracy von Trotha, Martha Reisdorf, Janine Miller, Deborah Grady, Leonard, Hill, and Laura Bethke  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Molly Towslee

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## *Call to Order / Roll Call*

1. Approval of March 11, 2014 GHAC Minutes as presented: (Reisdorf / Miller – unanimously approved)
2. Welcome new Commissioners Deborah Grady, Leonard Hill, and Laura Bethke: The new commissioners each shared a brief overview of their background.
3. Membership / Term Confirmations and Election of Officers: Motion to appoint Charlee Glock-Jackson as Chair, and Martha Reisdorf as Vice-Chair (Reisdorf / Miller – unanimously approved)

## *Old Business*

### 1. MEDIA MEET & GREET UPDATE

#### DISCUSSION

Charlee Glock-Jackson reported that because there are no grant funds, the idea came about to sponsor workshops. Two have been completed, two more are scheduled:

1. Make Friends with News Media – very successful, may become a yearly event.
2. How to Use Facebook and other Social Media as a Marketing Tool – also well attended.

#### RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP:

Remainder of Workshops:

3. How to Build a Website – Deborah Grady offered to take the lead on this upcoming event. Downtown Waterfront Association excited to partner on this endeavor, but Chamber just held a similar event. It may be beneficial to hold off awhile. Leonard Hill participated with local web design group and will ask around for someone to do the presentation.
4. Using Video to Promote Your Business – Leonard Hill may be tapped to lead.

### 2. OUTDOOR GALLERY PROGRAM CALL FOR ARTISTS UPDATE - STAFF

#### DISCUSSION

Staff reported that no applications had been received to date. Commissioners gave an overview of the project and placement locations. Tracy von Trotha to e-mail her concerns to Lita Dawn Stanton regarding base plates. Discussion on call for artist process, and interest in purchasing the art for permanent placement.

#### RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP

None.

### 3. OUTDOOR ART / SELF-GUIDED TOUR BROCHURE UPDATE

## DISCUSSION

### **RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP**

Jeanine Miller to take on the brochure update.

## 4. NETSHED SHOW UPDATE

### DISCUSSION

Staff reported that there was a great turnout for the event. Commissioners were complimentary regarding the great potential for collaboration. John Moist voiced interest in holding a similar show in the future.

### **RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP**

Mr. Moist to be contacted regarding holding the show at the netshed after it is finished at the Civic Center.

## 5. PLAYZONE UPDATE

### DISCUSSION

Staff explained that the delay on the project is due to the installation of “talking tubes” that must be laid in-ground prior to the installation of the ground surfacing materials. Materials coming next week for the talking tubes, then warm weather is required for the surface installation. Jackson reported on the city’s newest public art project; the cedar sculpture at Crescent Valley Park. She encouraged everyone to go and see this piece.

### **RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP**

None.

## 6. PUBLIC ART AT BOGUE VIEWING PLATFORM UPDATE

### DISCUSSION

Staff reported that the Nakimura “Memory Vessel” piece is moving forward and installation scheduled for July. The ribbon cutting will be scheduled when the piece is installed.

### **RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP**

Staff to contact GHAC when ribbon-cutting is scheduled.

## *New Business*

### 1. Rotary “Wishing Fish” Project

Martha Reisdorf introduced Joe Flack from Midday Rotary Club of Gig Harbor, who presented information on the desire to come up with an idea to generate revenue for charity without the effort involved with an event. “Rachel the Pig” type statue called “Wish Fish” was one such idea. He approached the Mayor and she seemed receptive to the idea and so he is exploring the options. He shared an artist conceptual drawing prepared by Mardie Rees, and said to date, no funds have been set aside for this project and they are looking for guidance and partners in this endeavor.

### DISCUSSION

The group responded positively to the idea. It was suggested that the “hands-on” sculpture should be placed in a high volume pedestrian area such as the Skansie Brothers Park. A call for artists would be important.

### **RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP**

Laura Bethke offered to serve on the committee for this project and as liaison with the Arts Commission and the city.

### 2. Student Art Mentoring Program

Martha Reisdorf gave an update on the Puyallup program on mentoring.

**DISCUSSION**

The group discussed how the program could work, potential partnerships, and local artists that might be used as mentors. "Hands on Art" is a program started by Kit Kuhn and Bill Fogerty and is already in the schools. This is another opportunity for the Arts Commission to become involved.

**RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP**

Martha Reisdorf offered to establish a committee for this purpose. Janine Miller and Laura Bethke offered to participate as mentors. Ms. Reisdorf will develop a call to artists to send to the Gig Harbor Arts Commission members for review. This program could start this fall.

**MOTION:** Move to pursue the Student Art Mentoring Project with Martha Reisdorf to chair the committee.

**Bethke / Grady** – unanimously approved.

3. Donkey Creek Concrete Pylons & Signage.

**DISCUSSION**

Staff explained that an application has been submitted for a grant to do Historic Preservation Interpretive Signage on the pylons. Everyone was curious as to where the pylons came from and agreed that the interpretive signage was a very cool, awesome idea.

**RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP**

None.

4. Feel Good Free Art Award.

Chair Jackson gave an overview of the juried art show going on this fall. She explained that Jeni Woock has donated \$100 to Peninsula Art League to use for an award, and is asking whether Gig Harbor Arts Commission would like to be identified with this award.

**DISCUSSION**

This is a generous offer, but it would set up an expectation that the Arts Commission would have the ability to participate monetarily in the future, which is not a reality.

**RECOMMENDATION / ACTION / FOLLOW-UP**

Ms. Jackson will thank Ms. Woock, and explain why we can't participate in that manner.

*Public Comments*

*Public Announcements and Other Business*

Staff was asked why the Skansie House is still empty and what the plans are for the building. Ms. Towslee responded that it has been a long process to bring the building up to code in order to open it to the public. She said there is an agreement with Harbor Wildwatch coming before council and we continue to work with the kayak club.

Chair Jackson discussed the option to move the meeting time to 10:00 a.m. Commissioners were in favor of this move. Tracy von Trotha offered to continue to serve if the time was moved to 10:00 a.m. as it fit her schedule. Clerk Towslee said the time would fit the room schedule as well and said she would draft the resolution for the council meeting of May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION:** Move to change the meeting time of the Gig Harbor Arts Commission to 10:00 a.m.  
**Hill / Reisdorf** – unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, **July 8, 2014**.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Bethke / Miller

6:55 pm

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