

MINUTES
GIG HARBOR ARTS COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 9, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.
Executive Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

Welcome new committee member, Mary Manning.

Staff – Lita Dawn Stanton and Molly Towslee: Present

Arts Commissioner - Charlee Glock-Jackson: Present

Arts Commissioner - Laura Bethke: Present

Arts Commissioner - Janine Miller: Present

Arts Commissioner - Deborah Grady: Present

Arts Commissioner - Leonard Hill: Present

Arts Commissioner - Martha Reisdorf: Present

Arts Commissioner - Mary Manning: Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of July 8, 2014 GHAC Minutes. While the group reviewed the minutes, Leonard Hill gave an update on the upcoming Tunisia National elections he is involved with.

Arts Commissioner - Deborah Grady: Motion

Arts Commissioner - Janine Miller: 2nd

Arts Commissioner - Charlee Glock-Jackson: Approve

Arts Commissioner - Laura Bethke: Approve

Arts Commissioner - Janine Miller: Approve

Arts Commissioner - Deborah Grady: Approve

Arts Commissioner - Leonard Hill: Approve

Arts Commissioner - Martha Reisdorf: Approve

Arts Commissioner - Mary Manning: Approve

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Maritime Pier Project. Molly Towslee reported that she presented the GHAC request to use \$50,000 of the Capital Art Project Funds to the Public Works Committee. They were amiable to the request. The permit expires in June, 2016 and can be extended for one year. The Commissioners and staff discussed the process from here. After a proposal is developed it should be presented to the Public Works Committee once more before moving on to the full Council. After deliberation, it was decided to proceed with a call for artists aimed at Northwest Artists, including Alaska, and based upon a \$50,000 budget. If nothing suitable comes forward, approach the community for contributions. They decided on the wording to be included in the call for artists: A piece to be located in a prominent location at the city's Maritime Pier, with a maritime theme, to be substantial in size, materials that are vandal proof, and with a \$50,000 budget.

MOTION: Move to develop a Request for Proposals for review at the next meeting using the parameters discussed.

Arts Commissioner - Charlee Glock-Jackson: Motion
Arts Commissioner - Janine Miller: 2nd
Arts Commissioner - Charlee Glock-Jackson: Approve
Arts Commissioner - Laura Bethke: Approve
Arts Commissioner - Janine Miller: Approve
Arts Commissioner - Deborah Grady: Approve
Arts Commissioner - Leonard Hill: Approve
Arts Commissioner - Martha Reisdorf: Approve
Arts Commissioner - Mary Manning: Approve

2. SAM Project. Martha Reisdorf gave an overview of the project get artists to mentor students to produce an art piece with the supporting funds raised by the community. The History Museum, Russell Foundation, and Anthony's are all interested in placement. Lita Dawn Stanton reminded members that anything done under the umbrella of the Arts Commission would be as representatives of the city. There are appearance of fairness, public benefit, process, and liability issues that need to be taking into consideration. To pursue the project it needs to go before the Public Works Committee.

Staff was asked to work on the proposal to the Public Works Committee and bring it back to the whole Arts Commission before submitting to the city. This project to be put on hold until 2015.

3. Workshop Updates. Leonard Hill gave an update on the "How to Build an Effective Website" workshop put on by Alan Jones. Staff to help with press release and printing handouts.

4. Wishing Fish Project. Laura Bethke gave an overview of the project. Rotary has raised a lot of funds and people are interested. Activity on the project will commence after the Harbor Hounds event concludes. More information to come at the next meeting.

5. Nakamira Art at Bogue Viewing Platform Update. Lita Dawn commented that the artist is working with public works and it should be installed towards the end of September. The Arts Commission will be contacted for the reveal event.

6. Pedestal Project. Martha Reisdorf gave an update and shared a photo and sketch for a compliment piece to the piece the GHAC accepted for the pedestal. Artist will be asked to coordinate with staff for placement.

MOTION: Move to accept the proposal for the second pedestal piece.

Arts Commissioner - Charlee Glock-Jackson: Motion
Arts Commissioner - Mary Manning: 2nd
Arts Commissioner - Charlee Glock-Jackson: Approve
Arts Commissioner - Laura Bethke: Approve
Arts Commissioner - Janine Miller: Approve
Arts Commissioner - Deborah Grady: Approve
Arts Commissioner - Leonard Hill: Approve
Arts Commissioner - Martha Reisdorf: Approve

Arts Commissioner - Mary Manning: Approve

NEW BUSINESS

1. Funding for Public Art Acquisition. Charlee Glock-Jackson suggested forwarding a request to the City Council during the 2015-16 Budget process for \$50,000 to replenish the public art budget at \$25,000 each year. The group also discussed the possibility of asking for a 1% for Art. Lita Dawn advised that would be a City Council policy decision and be added as a development fee. Design features for projects are guided by the Design Review Board. She talked about upcoming possibilities for public art.

Commissioners were encouraged to draft a letter to be sent to new development projects offering local artist services. The possibility of incorporating art into city projects will be discussed at the next meeting.

MOTION: Move to direct the Chair to forward a budget request for the Gig Harbor 2015-16 Budget for \$25,000 in 2015 and \$25,000 in 2016 and to establish a 1% for Arts program in the city.

Arts Commissioner - Laura Bethke: Motion

Arts Commissioner - Mary Manning: 2nd

Arts Commissioner - Charlee Glock-Jackson: Approve

Arts Commissioner - Laura Bethke: Approve

Arts Commissioner - Janine Miller: Approve

Arts Commissioner - Deborah Grady: Approve

Arts Commissioner - Leonard Hill: Approve

Arts Commissioner - Martha Reisdorf: Approve

Arts Commissioner - Mary Manning: Approve

2. Mayor's Art Award. Charlee Glock-Jackson talked about a program in Spokane that promotes the arts. There is an annual award for especially interesting artistic things chosen by the arts commission and presented by the Mayor. This will come back for further discussion at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

STAFF REPORT: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Leonard Hill commented that the documentary film will be streaming next month at the Gig Harbor Film Festival.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER MEETINGS:

1. Gig Harbor Art Commission – Wednesday, Nov. 12th (due to Veteran's Day Holiday) at 10:00 a.m.
2. The group then discussed the upcoming worksession on October 8th.

ADJOURN: 12:00 noon.