



City Arts Advisory Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
Olympic Theatre Arts
414 N. Sequim Avenue
Sequim WA 98382
6:30 p.m.
January 14, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attending Members: Eileen Cummings, Sharon Delabarre, Joanna Hays, Steven Humphrey, Patsy Mattingley; Council Liaison: Candace Pratt; City Representative: Karen Kuznek-Reese, City Clerk

Not attending Bridget Baker and Linda Stadtmiller

Welcome by Mayor Pratt

Sharon Delabarre introduced Arts Commission members, explained why it exists, what has been accomplished and future activities/events that have been discussed. She explained the Call for Art brochure for the first phase.

There was then a Q&A session. Questions were asked and the answers provided then or now included:

Q: Will there be budget from the City to support activities?

A: There is currently some money in the contingency fund to support public art. It is the hope to include money in the budget for events and art on an annual basis.

Q: How does the Commission want to build partnerships? Partner with existing events or create new one?

A: Yes to both.

Q: Is there 1% for arts?

A: There is not. This was discussed and it was determined it is not appropriate for Sequim. For example if we were to do a construction project at the city shop or treatment plant, the city would be required to put 1% of the total cost of that project into art at that facility where the exposure and public accessibility is extremely limited. City funds could be better allocated to areas that would be visible to the public.

Q: Will the commission be involved in fundraising (such as Fresno)?

A: That is one of their duties described in the ordinance.

Q: Does the commission have a Facebook page?

A: Not the commission itself. The City and the City's Marketing (Tourism) department have a Facebook page which will be used by the commission.

Q: Will the artwork on loan be insured?

A: The brochure indicates that the City will take precautions to protect the artwork; however, artists are advised to carry their own insurance.

Q: 501(C)3 cannot promote private business. 501(C)6 can do so.

A: The City has a tourism website that promotes events. The Arts Commission will use this website as well as the City website when appropriate.

Q: It would be helpful to have events listed on the City's website.

A: Anyone can submit an event on the tourism website. Any submissions must be approved by the Marketing Director before they will be displayed. The website address for submitting events is <http://www.visitsunnysequim.com/Calendar.aspx?NID=1&FID=233>

Q: When does the commission meet?

A: The commission meets the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room at the transit center, 190 W. Cedar.

Q: How were commission members chosen?

A: There was an application and interview process which was advertised in the newspaper and on the City's website. Applicants were interviewed by a council committee and appointed by the City Council.

Q: I didn't know anything about the commission or application process.

A: People have the ability to sign up on the City's website to receive e-notifications. There are several items you can sign up to receive via email. The website address for e-notifications is <http://sequimwa.gov/list.aspx>.

Q: What is the duration of the exhibits?

A: This first exhibit will be for approximately 6 months. We plan to have art in place by May 1 when the city holds an open house of the new civic center. The art will stay in place until the end of the year. In the meantime we will determine the theme and duration for the following exhibit. This was a way to get the process started.

Q: Will the commission make the ultimate decision on performing arts or sound?

A: The commission makes recommendations to the City Council who have final approval.

Q: Professional artists feel like you're decorating your space at their risk.

A: Eventually items will be purchased. Some pieces will be commissioned. This provides an opportunity for artists to gain exposure.

Those attending were asked to provide information on a questionnaire. That information will be compiled and used to form a database for art/cultural groups.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.