

**City of Auburn Arts Commission
City Hall Annex, One Main, Conference Room 1
Tuesday, November 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Nancy Colson, Charlotte Gollnick, Jan Jensen, Patricia Judd, Kelley Kuhlman, Heather Longhurst, Donna Smart,

Staff: Parks, Arts & Recreation Director Daryl Faber; Arts & Events Manager Julie Krueger; Arts Coordinator Allison Hyde; Arts Assistant Mary Ellen Bowers

Excused: Cary Davidson, Amy Sie; Not excused: Trudi Moses, Dan Norman, Greg Watson

I. Call to Order, Introductions and Approval of Minutes

Chair Gollnick called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm. After a brief welcome, and introduction of Director of Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation, Daryl Faber, Chair Gollnick asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2017 Arts Commission meeting. Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the October 3, 2017 meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kuhlman. Chair Gollnick called the vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

II. Nomination of Vice-Chair for 2018, and impending Commission openings in 2018

- a) Arts & Events manager Krueger noted that voting for the 2018 Vice-Chair would be needed and asked for nominations for that position. Charlotte Gollnick nominated Kelly Kuhlman to be Vice Chair for 2018. With no other nominations, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve Kuhlman as Vice Chair. Commissioner Colson seconded the motion. Chair Gollnick called for the vote, the motion passed unanimously.
- b) Krueger noted that terms for Commissioners Dan Norman and Patricia Judd will end on January 1, 2018. Additionally, Commissioner Trudi Moses has indicated a need to step down. Following established procedure, the Mayor's office will post notice of the openings. After reviewing all applications, the Mayor will make a recommendation to City Council for appointment of new Commissioners.

III. 2018 Gallery Applications

Arts Coordinator Hyde presented the 2018 applications for gallery exhibitions. 92 applications were received. Nine jurors, with representatives from: the community, visual artists, past gallery participants, staff, and local arts agencies, scored each entry. Hyde presented the recommendations for exhibitions in the three City galleries. New this year is the City's ability to expand exhibitions to include small 3-dimensional work displayed in vitrines. Commissioner Longhurst moved that the Commission accept the variety of design and media recommended by Hyde. Commissioner Colson seconded the motion. Chair Gollnick called the vote, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. 2018 Project Support Grant Applications

The City of Auburn receives Local Arts Agency Sustained Support Funding through 4Culture, the King County Cultural Services Agency. The City applies for the funds on a two-year cycle. A majority of the Sustained Support received is allocated to support programs produced by other community-based arts organizations that serve the citizens of Auburn and/or that raise the profile of Auburn as an arts and entertainment destination. New in 2018 is the inclusion of the opportunity for individual artists to submit applications for artist projects. A grant application to request funding was distributed and published with the deadline of October 30, 2017.

Commissioners reviewed the applications and voted to approve funding for 2018 in the following amounts:

- Auburn Art Walk - \$1,000
- Auburn International Farmers Market - \$1,000
- Auburn Riverside Viscom Club – Support of annual student art show in City gallery - \$500
- Auburn Symphony Orchestra – Outreach and Performances - \$2,000

- Auburn Valley Creative Arts – General support of downtown gallery location- \$1,500
- Evergreen City Ballet - \$500
- Green River College Foundation, Interurban Center for the Arts - \$2,000
- Pacific Ballroom Dance - \$2,000
- Striped Water Poets - Monthly Poetry Events- \$1,860
- White River Valley Museum – Support of free arts programming for underserved children - \$1500
- Brian Lane, artist – Support for Build an Animal – Community Print Project - \$679

Commissioner Jensen moved that the funding amounts be granted as recommended; Commissioner Judd seconded the motion. Chair Gollnick called the vote, the motion passed unanimously.

V. 2018-2020 Poet Laureate Application

Arts Coordinator Hyde presented the single nomination for Auburn Poet Laureate that was received from the community during the open nomination period. Commissioners reviewed the nomination and commented on the excellent qualifications of the nominee. It was noted however, that the nominee, who has an Auburn mailing address, lives outside the city limits of Auburn. Requirements for the position state that the Poet Laureate be a resident of Auburn. Discussion was had about requesting the City Council modify the original ordinance establishing the Poet Laureate position.

Moved by Commissioner Colson to have the Arts Commission recommend that the City Council broaden the residency requirement for Poet Laureate to allow for nominees who may live outside the Auburn City Limits but have significant ties and connections to the Auburn community. She further recommended that the nomination period be reopened to allow nomination of interested parties who do not meet the current requirements once the Ordinance had been amended. Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion. Chair Gollnick called the vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Updates/Upcoming Events

- Arts Coordinator Hyde announced the successful grant application to MultiCare of \$15,000 towards the new Auburn Arts & Culture Center
- Arts & Events Manager Krueger noted that staff met with project architects to review the mechanical, electrical and plumbing needs of the Arts & Culture Center to begin to develop a Phased remodeling plan which will allow the opening of a portion of the upstairs of the building as soon as possible
- Hyde reviewed recent successful arts education classes, as well as an upcoming class on block-printing holiday cards, and one on making pearl-cluster earrings
- Hyde noted the newest Art on Main installation called "Measured Entropy" by artist Savina Mason. She invited commissioners to visit the installation after the Arts Commission meeting adjourned
- Krueger noted that congratulations were due to Allison Hyde for her personal GAP Award through Artist Trust. She will mount a Print Installation at Spaceworks Gallery, in Tacoma in conjunction with an art exhibition she is curating.
- Krueger announced that she is working on a December gather/reception for the Arts Commission (possibly in conjunction with receptions for the Parks Commission, Tree Commission, and Museum Board) on December 5, 2017 at the Auburn Community & Event Center. She noted that the Auburn Symphony Orchestra's winter concert will take place that evening after the reception.
- Krueger invited Commissioners to attend the Auburn Veterans Day Parade in downtown Auburn on November 11, 2017.
- Krueger announced that tickets are available for the Red, White and Blue Holiday concert at the PAC on December 3, 2017 (tickets are limited to 6 per family and must be picked up in person at the Community & Event Center)
- Commissioner Colson invited commissioners to attend upcoming Auburn Symphony Orchestra events: a chamber concert on November 17 & 19, 2017 and Holiday Concert December 5, 2017.

- Commissioner Gollnick announced events at Auburn Valley Creative Arts: Collage Card making workshop on November 17, 2017; Holiday Bazaar on November 25, 2017 (in conjunction with Small Business Saturday); Paint and Sip on November 30, 2017
- Commissioner Longhurst invited commissioners to attend Pacific Ballroom Dance's holiday show on November 30, and December 1, 2017 at the PAC

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Jensen to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Smart. Chair Gollnick called the vote, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen Bowers

Approved the ____ day of _____, _____.

(Chair)

(Staff)