City of Auburn Arts Commission, City Hall Annex, One Main, Conference Room 2
Tuesday, November 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Present: Nancy Colson, DeNae McGee, Dan Norman, Ronie Schwend, Donna Smart, Greg Watson, Laura Westergard, Coordinator Maija McKnight Excused: Cary Davidson, Jan Jensen, Colleen Maloney, Charlotte Gollnick, Feney Perez.

I. **Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Introductions and Approval of Minutes**

Vice Chair Greg Watson called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm. Nancy Colson moved to approve the October 2014 meeting minutes. Ronie Schwend moved to seconded the motion. All approved. Motion approved.

II. **Commission Membership**

a. Vice Chair Nominations

Vice Chair Watson called for nominations for the Vice Chair position for 2015. Staff McKnight noted that Greg Watson would step into the Chair position and this nomination would be Chair in 2016. Dan Norman nominated Denae McGee for the position of Vice Chair in 2015. No other nominations were brought forward. The final vote will occur at the December meeting that will take place on Tuesday, December 2, 2014.

b. Outgoing Membership and Vacancies

Staff McKnight handed out a list of all the Arts Commissioners with term appointment dates and expirations listed. At the end of this calendar year no members terms are expiring, but one member Feney Perez will be resigning from the commission. The commission will have one vacant position (out of 12 total positions) that will be filled by the Mayor's office in 2015. Staff noted that she would email the application package to all commissioners and interested individuals should submit the information through the Mayor's office.

III. **2015 Gallery Selection**

Visual Art Committee members Donna Smart, Laura Westergard and Ronie Schwend provided an overview of the gallery selections for 2015. The application was distributed and managed through the Café: Call for Entry.org online service, and we received a great many impressive applications. All commissioners were invited to access the site to view the applications and the top 30 applicants were reviewed and discussed by the Visual Arts Committee. Representative images were shared and a tentative schedule forwarded for review. Staff will be working over the next month to confirm and create the variety of publication information to support the gallery program.

IV. **Regranting for 2015**

Staff McKnight noted that the 4Culture Local Arts Agency Sustained Support Grant was submitted, and in the past have used the funding received to be able to regrant to smaller organizations and projects within the Auburn Community. The process was discussed as well as a potential to change the deadline from one to a rolling deadline. Discussion continued. The regranting of these funds is entirely dependent upon the receipt of funding from 4Culture.

V. **Updates/Announcements/Upcoming Events**

- The deadline for Poet Laureate nominations has passed and the information for consideration was distributed and will be discussed and voted upon at the December meeting
- The December meeting will be held at the home of Commissioner Ronie Schwend to accommodate a short meeting and a holiday gathering.
- The opening reception for the Small Works, Big Presents: The Gift of Art exhibition at the White River Valley Museum is on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 5 -7 pm
- The Red, White and Blue Holiday Concert will take place at the GRCC Lindbloom Student Center and will feature performers from the 56th Army Band/I-Corps.
- The annual Arts Commission presentation to the Planning, Community Development Committee of council will be held on Monday, December 8, 5 pm. Arts Commission attendance is requested.
- The City Hall Gallery currently has the work of Greg Watson on display, and following the meeting he will provide a guided tour of his work
- In December, City Hall Gallery showcases the artwork of Auburn's High School Students and hosts a lively opening reception on Wednesday, December 17, 5:30 – 7 pm
- Commissioner McGee shared that the Auburn Symphony Orchestra will be performing on November 21st at the Christian Church of Kent and November 23rd at the St. Matthew Episcopal Church in Auburn as part of their Chamber Music Series.
- Commissioner Westergard shared upcoming events that are being planned by the Auburn Downtown Association including a window painting project that is seeking additional participation and a food drive that will benefit the Auburn Food Bank.

There being no future business, the meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm

Respectfully submitted, Maija McKnight