

**City of Auburn Arts Commission, City Hall Annex, One Main, Conference Room 1
Tuesday, September 2, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Ronie Schwend, Greg Watson, Nancy Colson, Charlotte Gollnick, DeNae McGee, Donna Smart, Laura Westergard, Arts and Events Manager Julie Krueger, Arts and Events Assistant Kelsey D'Andrade. Excused: Cary Davidson, Dan Norman, Feney Perez, Colleen Maloney. Absent: Jan Jensen

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

Vice-Chair Greg Watson called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm. Commissioner Smart moved to approve the August 2014 meeting minutes. Commissioner Schwend seconded the motion. All approved. Motion approved.

II. Downtown Sculpture Gallery – 2014 People's Choice Award

Staff Krueger provided an overview of the votes collected for the 2013-2014 Downtown Sculpture Gallery People's Choice Award. The artwork Watch My Tail, by artist Patricia Vader had the most people's choice votes with 94 votes out of the total 160 votes cast. Moved by Commission Westergard to purchase Watch My Tail. Commissioner McGee seconded the motion. All approved. Motion approved.

The permanent location for the "people's choice" artwork Watch My Tail was discussed. As the art depicts a cat, a site adjacent to the Auburn Valley Humane Society on A Street was recommended. Staff noted that this location was passed by the Auburn Valley Humane Society and received overwhelming support. The Commission was in full support of siting the artwork in that location. Moved by Commission Schwend to site Watch My Tail outside the Auburn Valley Humane Society. Commissioner Gollnick seconded the motion. All approved. Motion approved.

The commission reviewed the recommended placement of the 2014-2015 Outdoor Sculpture Gallery art pieces. Moved by Commission Colson to approve the staff recommendations presented. Commissioner Schwend seconded the motion. All approved. Motion approved.

The Commission discussed methods for selecting future Outdoor Sculpture Gallery pieces, and suggested a similar method as to the one that is used when selecting the Visual Art Gallery pieces. Staff Krueger noted that with the addition of the on-line call to artist software, there is an administrative piece that could potential aid in the review of future artwork submissions. The Commission also discussed potential modifications to the People's Choice voting criteria for the 2014-2015 Outdoor Sculpture Gallery and asked that a discussion item be added to the October Commission agenda related to that item.

III. Performing Arts

Julie Krueger, Arts and Events Manager, distributed the full-size BRAVO Summary mailer that contains a full listing of the 2014-15 Performing Arts Season as well as the pocket sized schedules and the one-page Downtown Dining Deals offer. Julie Krueger provided a description of the layout and an overview of some of the other marketing pieces that will be associated with the 2014-2015 Season.

IV. Updates/Announcements/Upcoming Events

- Commissioner Westergard gave an update on the Autumn Art & Wine Walk that will take place on Friday, September 5 from 5-9pm
- Staff Krueger reminded the Commissioners about the upcoming Celebration of Poet Laureate Dick Bruger on Thursday, September 11 in connection with the opening of his daughter, Jessie Bruger's visual art display at City Hall during the month of September.
- The September Visual Art Committee Meeting will be cancelled as there is computer training at the Auburn Senior Activity Center Computer Lab that day to teach artists how to use the Café Call to Artist software. The free training will be held on Wednesday, September 17 from 4-7pm.
- Commissioner Colson noted that she often attends the monthly Poetry readings at the Station Bistro and the poets always recognize the Arts Commission for the support they get from the City of Auburn to host their events.
- Commissioner Colson noted that she has put Staff McKnight in touch with the new staff member for the GRCC Interurban Center for the Arts to attend a future Commission meeting.
- Commissioner Watson shared with the Commission that he will be a guest curator for the upcoming "Birds of a Feather" exhibit (January-May 2015) at the White River Valley Museum.

- Commissioner Watson asked that the Commission think about and discuss potential opportunities for Public Art as it relates to the remodeling of the Auburn High School Performing Arts Center and the new public entrance along 4th Street.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm

Respectfully submitted, Julie Krueger