

City of Auburn Arts Commission
City Hall Annex, One Main, Conference Room 1
Tuesday, August 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Present: Nancy Colson, Gary Davidson, Charlotte Gollnick, Patricia Judd, Kelley Kuhlman, Heather Longhurst, Dan Norman, Amy Sie, Donna Smart, Greg Watson; Staff: Arts & Events Manager: Julie Krueger; Arts Coordinator: Allison Hyde; Arts Assistant: Mary Ellen Bowers; Excused: Jan Jensen; Not excused: Trudi Moses

I. Call to Order, Introductions and Approval of Minutes

- a. Chair Gollnick called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.
- b. After a brief welcome, Chair Gollnick asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2017 Arts Commission meeting. Commissioner Colson moved to approve the June 2017 meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kuhlman. Chair Gollnick called the vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

II. Iconic Public Artwork

Arts Coordinator Hyde moved Item III on the agenda to the beginning of the meeting. The commission was briefed on the selection process for the Iconic Public Artwork for the new entry at Les Gove Park. A recommendation was forwarded to the Arts Commission by the Public Arts sub-committee consisting of community members, local artists, and city staff. The sub-committee reviewed 34 applications and selected finalists who were interviewed in person. Each of the finalists presented a concept for the sub-committee to consider. At the end of this review period the sub-committee identified the artist, Peter Reiquam, with the best concept and skill set. The artist submitted two additional concepts to the sub-committee for consideration. The sub-committee sends their recommendation of Peter Reiquam's "Les Gove (S)Park" to the Arts Commission for approval. Discussion of the piece followed. Chair Gollnick asked for a motion to approve the recommendation of the sub-committee and forward it to City Council. Commissioner Watson moved to approve the recommendation; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Sie. The motion passed, 7 votes for; 3 votes opposed.

III. Downtown Sculpture Gallery

- a. **Review sculptures and details:** Arts & Events Manager, Krueger presented a Power Point with details of the current outdoor sculpture gallery.
- b. **Announce People's Choice:** Krueger announced the winner of the People's Choice Award of \$500. The Public was invited to vote for their favorite artwork both online and in person at City Hall. The winning artwork is "Joie de Vive" by David Varnau.
- c. **Select piece for annual purchase award:** Krueger asked the Commission to review the artwork in order to select a piece for the Outdoor Sculpture Gallery program's annual purchase award. After discussion, a motion to select "Joie de Vive" by David Varnau was made by Commissioner Norman; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Colson. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Placement of purchase:** Krueger asked the Commission to consider possible locations for the placement of the new purchase "Joie de Vive." It was suggested that an alcove in front of the new Auburn Community & Event Center would be an appropriate, well-lit and secure location of the sculpture. Commissioner Longhurst moved that the newly purchased sculpture be placed in the alcove to the right of the entrance to the Auburn Community & Event Center; the motions was seconded by Commissioner Sie. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. **Placement of the 2015-16 Purchase Award:** The Commission considered placement locations for the 2015-16 Outdoor Sculpture Gallery purchase award "Hawk" by Steven Tyree. The grassy space to the right of the entry to Game Farm Park was suggested. The location stands in an area free of bushes and other signage, between the entry driveway, and a pedestrian path that runs along the ball-fields in the park. Commissioner Colson moved that the Commission accept this placement; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Judd. The motion passed with 9 votes for; 1 vote opposed.

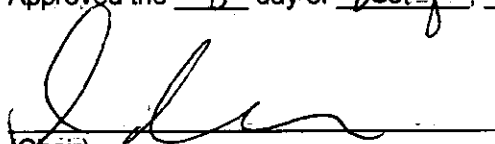
IV. **Updates and Upcoming Events**

- a. Commissioner Colson shared an invitation for all to attend Poets on the Farm:
 - Northwest Renaissance Poets fourth event on the Mary Olson Farm will be held on August 26, 2017 beginning at 1:00
- b. Commissioner Watson invited commissioners to visit the Salish Modern exhibit at the White River Valley Museum.
 - The exhibit will be open until December 17, 2017, and was co-curated by Watson and Patricia Cosgrove.
 - Commissioner Watson encouraged Commissioners to call him for a guided tour (before the start of the school year.)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen Bowers

Approved the 8 day of Aug, 2017


(Chair)


(Staff)