

**City of Auburn Arts Commission, City Hall Annex, One Main, Conference Room 1
Tuesday, August 4, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Cary Davidson, Charlotte Gollnick, Jan Jensen, Patricia Judd, Colleen Maloney, DeNae McGee, Dan Norman, Ronie Schwend, Donna Smart, Greg Watson, Laura Westergard, Arts Assistant Kelsey D'Andrade, Arts Coordinator Maija McKnight. Guests: Steven Bailey, Greg Bartol. Excused: Nancy Colson

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

Chair Greg called the meeting to order at 4:26 pm. Commissioner Norman moved to approve the July 2015 meeting minutes. Commissioner Judd seconded the motion. All approved. Motion approved.

II. Informational Presentation

Auburn Library staff Steven Bailey presented on the library's special events and outreach efforts. August programming was discussed which included specific outreach for students and children out of school during the summer months. Since June 2015, over 130 kids have been engaged during 41 site visits by the librarians. King County Library System has 48 libraries throughout the county and welcomes 9.9 million visits annually. Adult series are provided included Opera Previews, Mind Matters programming and a Make Series targeted towards young adults. Steven then asked the commission for any recommendations on artists to teach those hands on activity classes for teens and youth age 10 -16 years of age, and shared the desire to start offering art classes. The library also has a goal in the near future of connecting their resources with young families.

III. Public Art

Arts Coordinator Maija McKnight discussed the move at the July Arts Commission meeting to purchase the Silverware Ostrich sculpture. The commission discussed the placement for the Ostrich and McKnight noted that the Planning Department's goal is to illuminate all future sculptures that are placed for both day and evening visual appeal. Artists Greg Bartol of the Ostrich spoke about the location on Division and 1 St SE as a potential site. The commission recommended that location and McKnight said she will work on getting permission and plans for an install in September or October of this year.

IV. Updates/Announcements/Upcoming Events

Staff McKnight noted that the Parks and Recreation staff will be moving to a temporary location at Game Farm Park Annex during the duration of construction for the new Teen Center and Community Center. McKnight also informed the commission about the installation of the Penguins sculpture, also created by Greg Bartol, Anita Schuller and Debby Drilevich, at the front of the Game Farm Annex building for the public as a visual landmark during the construction of the regular parks building. In the new location, the staff were seeking an iconic marker for directions and distinguishing characteristics. The sculpture was an opportunity provided generously by the local artists.

Maija McKnight provided updates on the redesigning process of the Downtown Sculpture Gallery and Public Art brochure. She also updated the commission on the three additional sculpture locations that will be in use this next sculpture gallery rotation, as well as the fact that Café: Call for Entry will no longer be used in the selection process for the sculpture gallery. The public art programs, Pianos on Parade and Benchmarks, were highlighted as well.

Commissioner DeNae McGee shared that the symphony will have its last performance at Mary Olson Farm of the year.

Greg Bartol shared that GRCC will potentially be getting a sculpture degree at their new welding location. Also his team is working on welding 50 trees for the school's 50th Anniversary and on August 15th Soos Creek Botanical Garden will have a show highlighting the welded trees as well as the gate they commissioned from Greg.

Colleen Maloney passed out brochures for her art opening of monoprints at the Shift Gallery in Pioneer Square, Seattle.

Laura Westergard shared that they are looking for volunteers for the Auburn Artwalk on Friday, September 11, and that the Auburn Health Fair will be taking place downtown on August 22nd.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm
Respectfully submitted, Maija McKnight