

City of Auburn Arts Commission Meeting

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Arts Commission: Kristine De Leon, Tammy Dwight, John Harris, Ana Kear, Eydie Leighty, Ann Marie Natali, Chris Olds, Tori Olsen, Kent Sprague, Kenneth Greg Watson

Excused: Dinah Rau

Unexcused: Trisenda Mayfield

Staff: Mary Ellen Bowers, Arts Assistant; Allison Hyde, Arts Coordinator; Julie Krueger, Arts & Events Manager

I. Call to Order

- a. Call to Order – Chair Leighty called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.
- b. Public comment – Chair Leighty asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no public comments.
- c. Approval of Arts Commission minutes – Chair Leighty briefly welcomed Commissioners to the meeting and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2022 Arts Commission meeting. Commissioner Sprague moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Vice Chair Watson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Downtown Sculpture Gallery

- a. Arts Coordinator Allison Hyde presented the results of the online voting for the 2022-23 Downtown Sculpture Gallery People's Choice Award. The award was given to Seward Johnson's "Los Mariachis," with 37 of 129 total votes.
- b. Arts Coordinator Hyde presented the options for a Purchase Award from the 2021-22 Downtown Sculpture Gallery program. Hyde also discussed the current state of three purchased sculptures that have yet to be placed in permanent sites with pedestals and some major restoration needs to maintain the existing collection. Given the budget needs for these two things, it was recommended that the City opt to not select a Purchase Award, and use the funding to maintain and restore permanent collection artworks, and to pay for pedestal fabrication for artworks already purchased in past years.
- c. Greg Watson moved that the City forego purchasing a sculpture from this year's slate in order to retain the money in the budget for use in repairing current public art or placing pieces the City already owns. John Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Project Support Grants

- a. The Arts Commission discussed a newly drafted scoring rubric for the selection of the annual Project Support Grants. Commissioner Watson noted that it might be beneficial to edit the text slightly in the "ability to complete the project" category to make sure that those artists and arts organizations who have new projects and less experience still have a fair chance to be selected if they show the ability and good planning to execute a successful project.
- b. Commissioner Sprague moved that the scoring rubric be used to evaluate applications for 2023 Project Support Grants, with the edit of text regarding feasibility as discussed. Commissioner Kear seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. News and Updates

- a. Arts Coordinator Hyde shared updates on the Mary Olson Farm Artist in Residence program, and the final exhibition by Amanda Triplett that will be on view at the Hops and Crops festival at the Mary Olson Farm on September 17, 2022.
- b. Arts Coordinator Hyde shared the opportunity to serve on selection juries for three calls to artists currently posted. Details for these opportunities to serve on juries will be sent by email following the meeting.
- c. Arts & Events Manager Julie Krueger shared some updates about the current and upcoming summer events and performing arts programming.
- d. Arts & Events Manager Julie Krueger shared some updates about the delays and adjusted timeline for the construction at the Arts & Culture Center.

V. Adjourn Arts Commission - There being no further business, Arts Commissioner Olds moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner De Leon seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Allison Hyde.

Approved the ____ day of _____, _____.

(Chair Arts Commission)

(Staff)