

**City of Auburn Arts Commission, City Hall Annex, One Main, Conference Room 2
Tuesday, May 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Cary Davidson, Greg Watson, Ronie Schwend, Charlotte Gollnick, Jan Jensen, Dan Norman, Donna Smart, Patricia Judd, Laura Westergard, Arts Coordinator, Maija McKnight, Arts and Events, Arts and Events Assistant Kelsey D'Andrade, Lauren Flemister, Urban Design Planner. Excused: Colleen Maloney, Nancy Colson Unexcused: DeNae McGee

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

Chair Greg Watson called the meeting to order at 4:38 pm. Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the March meeting minutes. Commissioner Schwend seconded the motion. All approved. Motion approved.

Chair Watson noted two revisions in the agenda. A new agenda item brought forward by Jan Jensen and the removal of the Downtown Sculpture Gallery People's Choice Award discussion.

II. Lakeland Hills Discussion

Commissioner Jan Jensen brought to the commission's attention the recent Auburn Reporter articles regarding the mural on a Lakeland Hills water tower. Jan and Donna shared some concerns from the community regarding this project. Staff McKnight offered to get more information regarding the mural and follow up on the project during the June Arts Commission meeting.

III. Downtown Sculpture Gallery

Staff McKnight provided a summary of the Downtown Sculpture Gallery program now entering its fourth year. The Cultural Arts division distributed a Call to Artists, and reviewed applications from 30 artists/50 sculptures. The details of the call were re-stated, and an overview of the selection process was introduced, and a voting roster distributed. McKnight also noted a programmatic change for the 2015-2016 Sculpture Gallery which revises the People's Choice award which will become a monetary award rather than the primary deciding factor for the purchase award.

The commission reviewed each of the submitted artworks and the associated materials and determined the ten that would be extended a loan agreement. Five additional artworks were selected as runner-up in case any of the selected artists couldn't participate. No more than one artwork per artist was selected, and a variety of sizes and medium were taken into consideration.

Staff will work to contact each artist and placement of each of the artworks will be discussed at a future Arts Commission meeting and deinstallation/installation will be scheduled throughout the month of August. The People's Choice award for this year (2014-15) will be discussed as a future agenda item.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm

Respectfully submitted, Maija McKnight