City of Auburn Arts Commission
Tuesday, March 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Present:, Nancy Colson, Charlotte Gollnick, Kelley Kuhlman, Jan Jensen, Amy Sie, Sirichanh Sisavatdy, Donna Smart, Greg Watson

Staff: Arts Coordinator Allison Hyde; Arts Assistant Mary Ellen Bowers

Excused: Anne Baunach, Cary Davidson, Heather Longhurst,; Not excused: Eydie Leighty

Guests: Avis Adams, Susan Landgraf

I. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes and Introductions

a) Chair Smart called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.
b) Chair Smart briefly welcomed Commissioners to the meeting, and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2018 Arts Commission meeting. Commissioner Sie moved to approve the February 6, 2018 meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Jensen. Chair Smart called the vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

II. Auburn Poet Laureate Nominations

a) Arts Coordinator Allison Hyde went over the agenda for the meeting, reminding Commissioners that 2 finalists for the open position of Auburn Poet Laureate would attend the meeting as guests. Staff Hyde gave a brief explanation of the process by which Commissioners would select a poet to recommend to City Council for appointment to the position of Auburn Poet Laureate. Commissioners were familiar with the candidates past work, credentials, and community engagement from the nomination packets the commission had considered during the February Arts Commission meeting.
b) Poet Laureate candidates Avis Adams and Susan Landgraf arrived at their consecutively scheduled appointments, giving Commissioners an opportunity to ask questions, get a better idea of the poets' accomplishments, connection to Auburn, ideas for involvement in the community and public demeanor. After meeting both poets, Commissioners had discussion about the merits of each, and again commented on the extremely high quality of both candidates. Commissioner Colson moved that Poet Susan Landgraf be recommended to the City Council in the position of Auburn Poet Laureate, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Sie. The motion passed.

III. Updates/Upcoming Events

a. Commissioner Colson gave an update of recent and upcoming Auburn Symphony Orchestra events.
b. Arts Coordinator Hyde announced that Peter Reiquam's proposal for the Iconic public artwork at Les Gove Park was accepted by the Auburn City Council.
c. Arts Coordinator Hyde recapped the City's current Calls to Artists for The Downtown Sculpture Gallery, and The Mary Olson Farm Artist Residency program.
d. Commissioner Colson announced the upcoming event "Be Artful" to support art education in our local elementary schools. The event presented by Interurban Center for the Arts will take place March 9, 2018 at 6:30pm. Staff Bowers will forward a flier to commissioners.
e. Staff Bowers announced upcoming shows in the BRAVO series.
f. Commissioner Colson announced the selection of a new conductor for the Auburn Symphony Orchestra, and asked commissioners to watch for an article in the Auburn Reporter.

g. Commissioner Watson announced an upcoming cultural opportunity at the Auburn Buddhist Temple on April 22, 2018 –a chicken teriyaki dinner (made fresh on-site.) Tickets are available for $12 per person.
h. Staff Hyde invited commissioners to attend the Awards Reception for the Auburn School District High School Art Exhibit currently on display at the Auburn Community & Events Center. Hyde thanked Commissioners Watson and Sie who served on the jury for the exhibit. The reception takes place on March 7, 2018 at 5:30pm.

IV. Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Sie to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Gollnick. Chair Smart called the vote, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen Bowers

Approved the _____ day of _____, _____.

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(Chair) (Staff)