

**City of Auburn Arts Commission
Tuesday, March 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Cary Davidson, Charlotte Gollnick, Kelly Gordon, Jan Jensen, Patricia Judd, Kelley Kuhlman, Eydie Leighty, Amy Sie, Sirichanh Sisavatdy, Pam Smith

Staff: Arts & Recreation Director, Daryl Faber; Arts & Events Manager, Julie Krueger; Arts Coordinator, Allison Hyde; Arts Assistant, Mary Ellen Bowers; Parks, Communications Manager and Sister Cities Liaison, Kalyn Brady.

Excused: Anne Baunach and Kenneth Greg Watson

Guests: Fran Reese, AVCA; Ronie Schwend, AVCA

I. Call to Order

- a. **Call to Order** – Chair Kuhlman at 4:35 PM.
- b. **Approval of minutes** – Chair Kuhlman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2019 Arts Commission meeting. Commissioner Jensen moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Commissioner Leighty seconded the motion. Chair Kuhlman called the vote, and the motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Introductions** – Chair Kuhlman thanked members of Auburn Valley Creative Arts (AVCA) for hosting the meeting in their temporary gallery space at 1231 A St. NE. Kuhlman then welcomed the Arts Commission and gave a special welcome to newly appointed Arts Commissioners: Pat Judd, Kelly Gordon and Pam Smith. After a brief introduction of the new Commissioners, Kuhlman invited those present to introduce themselves to the group.
- d. **Business of interest** - Arts & Recreation Director, Daryl Faber related an incident that occurred during the recent snow event in Auburn. The Seahorse sculpture that is currently on display in Auburn's Downtown Sculpture Gallery had been knocked from its display plinth. It has been repaired and reinstalled.

II. Sister Cities Presentation

- a) Kalyn Brady, Sister Cities Liaison for the City of Auburn introduced herself, and gave an overview of the Sister Cities program. After answering questions from Commissioners, Brady noted that an opening exists for a liaison from the Arts Commission to the Sister Cities Association. Commissioner Leighty volunteered to be the liaison. Brady distributed flyers about the program and welcomed other commissioners to join as well. Discussion followed about the potential for art exchanges with Auburn's Sister Cities in the future.

III. 4Culture Survey

- a. Arts Coordinator Hyde distributed a demographics questionnaire from King County's cultural funding agency, 4Culture. Because the City of Auburn receives grant funds through 4Culture, we are required to provide this information from our staff and board annually. Commissioners completed the forms and provided them to Hyde.

IV. Auburn Valley Creative Arts Presentation

- a. Ronie Schwend from Auburn Valley Creative Arts (AVCA) welcomed Arts Commissioners to the temporary AVCA Gallery at The Villas at Auburn. Schwend gave a presentation about AVCA's current membership and programming. Arts Commissioners commented on the gallery and provided feedback regarding

organizations that provide grant opportunities to non-profits and suggested marketing strategies that might increase the community's awareness of AVCA's programming.

V. News and Updates

- a. **Arts & Culture Center** – Manager Krueger informed the commission that interior demolition work is underway at the Arts & Culture Center in preparation for updates that need to be made. Demolition will be funded by a portion of the 4Culture grant funding that is set to expire. Krueger noted that staff has completed and submitted funding requests for the Arts & Culture Center to the State of Washington's through their Member Requested Local Community Project program. Senate and House. The request has the support of both Representative Pat Sullivan and Senator Mona Das.
- b. **Auburn Arts Alley** – Krueger informed commissioners about the recently submitted grant request to 4Culture for the Creative Consultancies program in collaboration with artist Kathleen Frugé Brown. The City is committed to infrastructure improvements including resurfacing the asphalt, installing benches, fixtures and bollards, etc. If successful, the grant would provide funding for artistic elements of alley improvement.
- c. **Crow with Fries** – Arts Coordinator Hyde gave an update on the progress of the iconic sculpture, Crow with Fries, commissioned by the City. Hyde announced a studio visit to the studio of artist, Peter Reiquam, which has been arranged for March 14th. Hyde invited the commissioners to attend. Krueger announced a special event to celebrate the installation of the iconic sculpture "Crow with Fries" which will take place on a "Fryday" at the end of May or early June. Hyde announced a themed art exhibition about crows which will be curated by artist, Greg Bartol. The exhibition will potentially include a presentation by guest speaker, Dr. John Marzluff of the University of Washington College of the Environment, an expert in all things crow. More details to follow.
- d. **Utility Box Wraps and Mural** – Hyde announced an upcoming call to artists for submissions for utility box wraps, and a mural to be sited in Auburn. Funding for this artistic improvement and graffiti abatement opportunity is in conjunction with the city's Code Enforcement Department.
- e. **Auburn School District High School Art Exhibition** – Hyde announced the art exhibition currently on display at the Auburn Community & Event Center gallery. Arts Commissioners were encouraged to volunteer to jury the works for awards to be given at the Closing Reception on April 3, 2019 from 5-6:30pm. Commissioner Davidson, who organized the high school art exhibition, will try to arrange a small musical accompaniment for the evening. Hyde further encouraged Commissioners to attend the event to show students the value our community places on their work.
- f. **Calls to Artists** – Hyde noted two current calls to artists closing soon. The calls for submissions to the Downtown Sculpture Gallery and the Mary Olson Farm Artist in Residence program will be closing on March 19th, 2019. Commissioners can expect an email from Hyde about jurying the calls before the next meeting on April 2, 2019.
- g. **MOFAIR artist Michelle Lassaline Exhibition at WRVM** – Hyde announced the upcoming exhibition of works by the inaugural Mary Olson Farm Artist in Residence artist Michelle Lassaline at White River Valley Museum in June. Details to follow.
- h. **BRAVO season** – The latest BRAVO Performing Arts season postcard was distributed. Krueger mentioned the current production, The Music Man, at the Auburn Avenue Theater and encouraged commissioners to attend. Krueger also updated commissioners on the need to reschedule a performance by the Golden Dragon Acrobats at the Performing Arts Center due to a cancellation during the recent snow event. The Golden Dragon Acrobats will be performing at the Auburn Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Sunday, May 19th, 2019.

- i. **Art Classes** – Hyde announced upcoming art classes through the Arts department: Native American Style Hand Drum workshop on March 20th, followed by Native American Style Hand Drum Painting on March 27th both being taught by Greg Watson; and Pysanky I - Ukrainian Easter Eggs on March 23rd, followed by Pysanky II - Ukrainian Easter Eggs on March 30th taught by Susan Blubaugh.
- j. **Thanks** – Hyde and Krueger thanked those in attendance and AVCA for hosting the meeting and for their presentation.

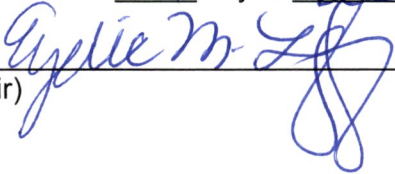
VI. Adjourn

- a. There being no further business, Commissioner Leighty moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion, Chair Kuhlman called the vote, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen Bowers

Approved the 3rd day of Dec, 2019.

Vice-Chair



(Staff)