

**City of Auburn Arts Commission
Tuesday, January 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Anne Baunach, Cary Davidson, Charlotte Gollnick, Jan Jensen, Eydie Leighty, Amy Sie, Sirichanh Sisavatdy, Kenneth Greg Watson

Staff: Arts & Events Manager, Julie Krueger; Arts Coordinator, Allison Hyde; Arts Assistant, Mary Ellen Bowers; Parks, Arts & Recreation Director, Daryl Faber; Parks Planning & Development Manager, Jamie Kelly; Parks Administrative Assistant, Julie Mehl

Excused: Kelley Kuhlman

Guests: Kathleen Fruge Brown, Art Consultant; Caleb Fruge; Kaiti Kolke, Bright Fiddle Media and Krok Studio; Parks & Recreation Board Members: Michael Hassen, James Jeyaraj, Lisa Russell and Bailey Stober

I. Call to Order

- a. **Call to Order** – Chair Kuhlman was unable to attend. In her absence, Vice Chair Leighty called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.
- b. **Approval of minutes** – Vice Chair Leighty asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2018 Arts Commission meeting. Commissioner Baunach moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Commissioner Gollnick seconded the motion. Vice Chair Leighty called the vote, and the motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Introductions** – Vice Chair Leighty welcomed the Arts Commission and Parks Board members to the meeting. Parks, Arts & Recreation Director, Daryl Faber explained that the concurrent informational meeting was being held to present information on a proposed project that is of interest to both bodies. Director Faber introduced Michael Hassen, Chair of the Parks Board and asked him to call the concurrent Parks Board meeting to order. Introductions were made of all City staff, Arts Commission, and Parks Board members.

II. Auburn Arts Alley Presentation

- a) **Project overview** - Director Faber presented overview and background information about the proposed project to enhance the rundown alley between the future Auburn Arts & Culture Center and the Auburn Avenue Theater. Faber presented a slideshow and introduced Art Consultant, Kathleen Fruge Brown. Fruge Brown was selected through the 4Culture Creative Consultancies program to collaborate with the City's Arts department to prepare an application for grant funding for the project.
- b) **Kathleen Fruge Brown** - Fruge Brown thanked those present and explained the process by which she is gathering information about the community's hopes and visions for the proposed project, including an interactive Pinterest page online where community members can post images, poetry, and other information that helps to express their wishes for the Auburn Arts Alley. Fruge Brown opened the floor for comments and ideas about the alley project. She then went over the procedure for applying for the 4Culture grant, noting an application deadline at the end of February. Arts & Events Manager Krueger noted that a link to the Pinterest page is on the City website, and will be sent to those in attendance, as well as to community members via Govdelivery.

III. "Crow With Fries" - Iconic Public Art Update

- a. **Update** - Arts Coordinator Hyde described a recent visit to the artist's studio and updated the Arts Commission on the progress of the sculpture. Hyde invited

Commissioners to visit the artist's studio on Wednesday, January 16th. Commissioners were asked to contact Hyde if interested in attending.

- b. Manager Krueger noted plans are being made for events surrounding the "landing" of the iconic sculpture, with an installation date projected for early June 2019.

IV. Updates/Upcoming Events

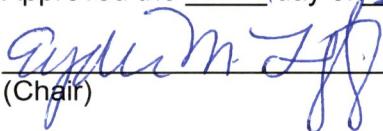
- a. **Galleries** – Coordinator Hyde reviewed the new exhibitions in the City's art galleries.
- b. **Preservation grant** – Hyde announced the successful application for a \$3,000 Preservation Sustained Support grant from 4Culture.
- c. **Arts & Culture Center Demo** – Manager Krueger informed the 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.
- d. **Funding** – Krueger noted that staff continue to work toward finding funding for updates and repairs to the Arts & Culture Center, including a capital request with the State.
- e. **Arts and Heritage Day** – Commissioner Sisavatdy invited commissioners to the annual Arts and Heritage Day at the capitol on February 6, 2019.
- f. **Capital request** – Parks Board member Bailey Stober requested information about all capital requests from the Parks, Arts and Recreation department so commissioners and board members can advocate for the projects with elected officials.
- g. **BRAVO season** – Krueger invited those present to look through the latest BRAVO Performing Arts season brochure and distributed copies to those in attendance.
- h. **Thanks** – Hyde, Krueger and Director Faber joined in thanking those in attendance.

V. Adjourn

- a. There being no further business, Commissioner Baunach moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Gollnick seconded the motion, Vice Chair Leighty called the vote, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen Bowers

Approved the 3rd day of Dec, 2019.

vice 
(Chair)


(Staff)