

ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

SEQUIM CIVIC CENTER

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

152 West Cedar Street

Sequim, WA 98382

November 19, 2018

3:00pm

Members: Natalie Martin, Sharon DelaBarre, Carole Neidhardt, Jake Reichner, Ross Brown, Suzanne Horne, Craig Robinson

Council Liaison: William Armacost Staff Liaison: Karen Kuznek-Reese

Student Liaison: Katie Potter

Associate Members: Susan Molin; Susan Shaw

Introductions: Guest, Owen Rowe, Chrmn. Of Port Townsend Commission on Arts

Approval of Minutes: October 15, 2018 Meeting

Correction: Susan Molin is not helping with Music with the Park incentives

Public Comments: None

Unfinished Business:

December First Friday: Schools will have a few more days to get ornaments ready for pick up. Tree will be put up either 3rd or 4th of December. Charlie Bush will handle refreshments; Santa & Mrs. Clause will be attending; no ballet performance; and Vice Mayor will do the welcome and lighting,

Sponsorship Subcommittee Report: Still in research phase. Please provide any input or suggestions to Ross. After new staff person is appointed, we will move forward.

Fundraising Subcommittee Report: Previous report that we would plan a Mardi Gras themed event for the first part of February commencing in 2020 and to coordinate with the Mardi Gras dates. Since that presentation and approval by the CAAC we have found out that the City is planning a Sunshine Festival, to start in 2020, for the same time frame. Therefore is it recommended that we find out more about the Festival and possibly fold our event into that city wide festival and/or re-tool and plan something else as our primary fundraising event. After receiving more detailed info from the City, the Fundraising committee will meet and come back with an updated recommendation.

Park Board Liaison: Ross is representing the CAAC to the Park Board. He is not eligible to be a member of the board. They now have a fully constituted board and the goal is for Ross to provide information to them and keep the CAAC apprised of how we can assist. It was noted there are areas where the duties and/or areas of responsibility between the two boards may cross. The goal is to provide assistance and work together when/where possible. Ross will report back to the CAAC with updates.

Review Event Template: Jake volunteered to do a basic template and building on that document, we can now start to add the details needed.

Outdoor Sculptures & Seal Street: Ross has met with City Engineers (Dave & Matt) about sculpture bases. They seemed receptive to the pad ideas around the Old Admin. Bldg. Initially the thought was

that the building could be used, in part, for artistically related classes and/or events and placing sculptures outside it would enhance this use. The current plan is to use the building for City use only, due to code compliance issues. A total of five (5) sites were discussed around the building even though this may be too many and we may settle on one or two. Some additional artistic plans may come forward for the building (i.e. paint by number wall) or a regular mural wall.

He has also talked to them about plans for the Seal Street walkway to make it a better pathway for pedestrians during the First Friday events and as a general connecting route from Washington St. to the Civic Center. Ross prepared by taking photos of the walkway and trees. The idea of a 1% set aside for the arts was also discussed. This would need to be a City Council policy decision but the CAAC will continue to research and provide input. This would provide for real community involvement in artistic enhancements to downtown and in the community.

2019 Schedule: The Audubon photography show has been confirmed for the month of April; the Police Dept. has the lobby for their exhibit in May; and that leaves the month of June for scheduling. After discussion of options, it was decided to see if holding a show featuring Sequim High School student works could be organized. Should a student show not work, we could entertain an invitational or organizationally sponsored show. Our student liaison will be asked to identify contacts for follow up.

December CAAC Social: Sunday, December 16 was selected for the annual social which will take place at Sharon DelaBarre's home. Details will be sent out closer to the date.

January Art Talks & Show Set Up: Susan Molin needs assistance with moving tables, chairs and sitting with the presenters tables, etc. Three artists are slated for January: Susan Spar, Pam Dick and Pricilla Patterson. Talks will start at 5:15 and each will have 30 minutes for their presentation.

A general discussion about show equipment (podiums, walls, etc.) was held focusing on the problem of storage for same. We may want to design/construct some lighter pieces for display purposes and suggest the large, heavy walls be moved to Guy Cole and made available for events there. We could always bring them to the lobby if needed for a show.

It was also noted that the lighting in the lobby during the winter months is particularly poor. We need to revisit the potential of adding hanging, directional poll lights from the light bank in front of the main display wall.

New Business:

We now have **Arts Commission Cards**. All members should take some and hand them out as needed when promoting and/or responding to questions re any CAAC event/project. Add you name to the card.

Jurying of January GO FIGURE Show: We have 46 submissions, some digital, some on site. The full panel participated in the jurying and the show jury process was completed. Note: Since Ross Brown submitted pieces for consideration, he did not participate in the jury process.

Comments section: None

Meeting adjourned.