



ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

SEQUIM CIVIC CENTER
P.W. Conference Room
152 West Cedar Street
Sequim WA 98382
January 22, 2019
3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Ross Brown, Sharon Delabarre, Suzanne Horne, Carole Neidhardt, Craig Robinson
Council Liaison: William Armacost; **Staff Liaisons:** Cyndi Hueth, Karen Kuznek-Reese
Associate Members: Susan Molin, Susan Shaw
Not Present: Member Jack Reichner and Student Liaison, Katie Potter

1. Introductions

2. Approval of minutes

- a. Minutes of November 19, 2018 were not ready for approval. **Action:** Sharon and Ross will review, and minutes will be available at the February meeting.

3. Comments *(Please limit comments to 3 minutes.)*

Randy Radock is recruiting new members for the Olympic Peninsula Art Association (OPAA). The OPAA is now at 80 members, and there is no fee to join. They meet on the fourth Thursday of each month from 9:30am to noon at the Episcopal Church on Fifth Avenue. Randy invited the CAAC to post information for upcoming exhibits and events on the OPAA website. POC for their website is Mary Francini. **Action:** Cyndi will confirm if there are any prohibitions from sharing info between the two organizations.

Sharon informed all that we will only accept electronic submissions of artwork for all future exhibitions, beginning with the July show.

Sharon shared the holiday tree thank you card that was sent to all ornament participants.

4. Unfinished Business

a. January First Friday – Recap

Carole felt the First Friday opening went well, but the Whodunnit game did not add much. We could use more printed artist brochures for the next exhibit. The Art Talks could be shortened to allow for better attendance at all presentations. The live model and demonstration was a draw, but crowds thinned out around 7pm. Seal Street is too dark and unsafe to walk especially in inclement weather.

Susan M. shared that she strategically plans the artist presentations based on the topics. Sharon stated we extended the exhibit hours to 8pm for consistency with the rest of the Artwalk participants, and we typically have lighter attendance in the winter.

- ATWT – budget for artist gifts – Sharon confirmed there is no budget this year for gifts. Susan M. sends the ATWT presenters thank you cards and a small gift; however, the general consensus is that we shouldn't do more than the thank you notes.

- b. Park Board – Ross shared the presentation he will make to the Park Board on 1/22/19 which provides best sites for outdoor sculptures, the kinds of artwork that would enhance the areas (permanent vs. temporary), ideas for art for kids, and functional art. Ross also recommended that members of the Park Board be more involved with selecting the music for Music in the Park. He's also researching workshops at Guy Cole Center. Susan M. thought that the Fine Arts Center might have a pool of artists who might donate, and Suzanne thought the various instruments in the parks would be a nice interactive installation for kids.
- c. Outdoor Sculptures – Ross distributed design drawings for outdoor bases that could be used for a sculpture exhibit. Cost of materials approx. \$900/each. The Welding Class at Peninsula College is a possible resource to build the bases. Ty Brown is reviewing the designs. A key component in outdoor sculptures is security of the artwork.
- d. Seal Street – Ross met with David and Matt pre-holidays. We could have a Call for Artists to develop a design to improve the area with possible inlay work and creative lighting to illuminate the space. **Action:** David is preparing a budget for the upgrades.
- e. Community Meeting – Proposed dates for the meeting are March 19th or March 21st from 6pm to 8pm. Goals are:
 - 1. Let people know what the CAAC is doing
 - 2. Ask people what they would like the CAAC to do
 - 3. Encourage people from the community to get involved and volunteer**Actions:**
 - 1. Cyndi will check Council Chamber availability.
 - 2. Sharon, Ross, Suzanne and Cyndi will prepare the agenda for review by all at the February meeting.
- f. 2019 Schedule – Sharon has not been able to reach Katie re: a Student Show on June 7th. She will try again or reach out to the teacher directly. Suzanne asked if the Peninsula College art students could participate, but Sharon stated we should first explore the High School's participation. Karen received an initial inquiry from Helen Haller Elementary School. If the Student Show doesn't happen, Sharon proposed an Invitational Show with two or three artists. **Action:** Sharon will provide the application process for the Invitational Show at the February meeting.

Randy Radock shared that the OPAA has reserved the Council Chambers for the first Friday in May for a silent auction fundraiser.

- g. Review Event Template – deferred to February meeting. Cyndi will show the new, combined workplan with all CAAC activity.

5. New Business

- Cyndi distributed a new CAAC Action Items list that she will update after each meeting. It will be an internal document to track actions assigned and completed.
- A press release was issued on January 10th calling for an Application for the CAAC to replace Natalie. The applicant must live in the City limits.

- a. Display prototypes – Ross distributed photos of hollow core displays. The peg boards in the current exhibit belong to Susan Shaw. Randy Radock offered use of the OPAA's hollow core displays any time.
- b. Bronze sculptures owned by City – There are two sculptures out now, and possible issues are:
 - Are they original works of art?
 - What is their origin? Were they donated, and by whom?
 - How does the City want to deal with them?

Action: CAAC research and gather all details of the two sculptures, then present recommendations and options to the City Council.

- c. Playing Around the Plaza (Block Party) – With Natalie's resignation from the CAAC, the general consensus was to still hold the Block Party on Friday, August 2, 2019. The general consensus was to still hold Keying Around during the month of July as well. All agreed to keeping the original name of "Block Party" vs. Playing Around the Plaza, and also to keep it simple this year with just music, food and beverage vendors, no auction, possibly a kids activity, and possibly Craig Robinson doing a live painting during the shows. Susan M. stated we need to include the live painting information in the contracts between the City and musicians.

Action: Sharon will contact Jake to see if he is willing to coordinate these events as he did last year including obtaining sponsorships.

Playing in the Park – General consensus to keep the name "Music in the Park" as it is well branded, and to not have additional events during sets this year until we refine processes and procedures.

- d. CAAC Retreat – Three Grease Facilitators have been assigned: Barb Hanna, Sue Hagener, and Sarah VanAusdle. Proposed date is Thursday, February 21st, from noon to 4pm, with lunch provided.

Action: Cyndi will check availability of the Burkett Community Meeting Room.

6. Public Comments (*Please limit comments to 3 minutes.*)

Randy Radock asked if we will eventually go to a paperless system for art exhibit applications.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.

Next meeting: March 18, 2019

2019 First Friday Events	
January 4	July 5
Go Figure	The Beach
April 5	October 4
Audubon	Tie One On
May 3	December 6
Police Exhibit	Annual Holiday Tree Lighting
June 7	
Student Show	