



**ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
SEQUIM CIVIC CENTER  
Burkett Community Room  
152 West Cedar Street  
Sequim WA 98382  
August 19, 2019, 3:00 p.m.**

Present:

**Members:** Ross Brown, Sharon DelaBarre, Maggie Hall, Suzanne Horne, Carole Neidhardt

**Council Liaison:** William Armacost; **Staff Liaison:** Cyndi Hueth

**Associate Members:** Susan Molin; Susan Shaw

**Visitor:** Eva Kozun

Excused: Craig Robinson, Member; William Armacost, Council Liaison

**Agenda Item**

1. Introductions

2. Minutes:

- a. **Motion** to approve minutes of June 17, 2019 made by DelaBarre; second by Neidhardt. Carried unanimously.
- b. **Motion** to approve minutes of July 15, 2019 made by DelaBarre with amendment to item 4d; second by Neidhardt. Carried unanimously.

3. Comments: None

4. Reports:

- a. Chair –Brown reported that he and Hueth had an initial leadership meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup> with other Arts & Cultural organizations including OPAA, OTA, Sequim Museum & Arts Center, and First Friday Artwalk/Fiber Arts Festival. Purpose of meeting was to discuss shared resources and collaborative efforts. He's attending the Parks Board meeting following today's meeting and will have updates next month, and he continues to attend the Sunshine Festival committee meeting in which he is overseeing an interactive light exhibit. Brown & Hueth also met with public works last week regarding the possibility of an artistic element to the crosswalks at Fir Street and Sequim Avenue in the spring of 2020 as part of the Fir Street improvement project. Brown is also looking into new and better exhibit displays and lighting. Horne suggested a Call for Artist seeking exhibit ideas for the Civic Center Art Gallery, and DelaBarre suggested temporary displays utilizing the glass walls as well as minimizing the lobby furniture.
- b. Vice Chair – No report.
- c. Arts Coordinator - See attached report; stats for "Tie One On" Call for Artists are 12 entries to-date from 8 artists, and the deadline for entries is 4pm on September 6<sup>th</sup>.
- d. July Expenditures and Revenues – DelaBarre asked for clarification of the \$829.97 expenses under the Arts & Culture Chamber Art line. Hueth will research.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. Rotating Art Exhibits for 2020 – discussed themes, providing description of themes, and length of exhibits. Brown recommended a collaboration with selected restaurants for the “Culinary” exhibit in June 2020 in which there would not be a jury process. **Motion by Horne to accept the theme, title and timing of Exhibit 1: “Illuminations”;** **second by DelaBarre. Carried unanimously.**
- b. Update to City Council re: CAAC’s charter/direction – subcommittee of DelaBarre, Hall, and Hueth established to meet, review input and return to CAAC for approval of amendments and plan to present changes to City Council.

6. New Business

- a. Block Party 2019 recap – Molin and Neidhardt agreed that the rock painting volunteers did a great job, we could use more chairs, bands were good, but event possibly competes with other downtown businesses open on First Friday. Brown stated we have limited resources and the clean-up work after the event is not desirable. Hueth feels the event is yet another live music event in the midst of the Music in the Park summer concerts, Lavender Festival in July, other First Friday live music events, other summer music events, and requires a lot of planning and coordinating. DelaBarre added that after the third year, attendance hasn’t been great. **Motion by Horne to discontinue the Block Party effective in 2020;** **second by Neidhardt. Carried unanimously.**
- b. Music in the Park & Block Party 2020 – Discussion about the future of the Music in the Park concert series and the possibility of partnering with a local nonprofit who would manage the program starting in 2020. Resolution # R-2005-18 establishing the Music on the Green program needs to be addressed if we make any proposal to change this program. Hueth will meet with KSQM mid-September to determine if they have an interest in partnering with the City of Sequim/CAAC. See 6.a regarding Block Party 2020.
- c. “Drawer Full of Beach Memories” sculpture – artist Rita Kepner has a supporter who will pay for her piece, and she is offering the piece to the City for its permanent collection. Adequate space is of concern, as is the ability to protect the piece and display it as part of the permanent collection. All agreed we are not in a position right now to acquire additional artwork. Hueth will notify the artist.
- d. Craig Robinson’s Block Party painting – Hueth brought up the idea of enhancing the sparse “Green Room” in the band shell which is a space available for bands to eat, rest, dress, etc. before/during their performance. The CAAC members could volunteer to paint and furnish the room, and all agreed Robinson’s painting would be ideal for that space. Hueth will talk to Public Works/facilities.
- e. December 6<sup>th</sup> Tree Lighting Ceremony
  - i. Ornaments – DelaBarre and Hall will organize the ornament program.
  - ii. Entertainment by Grand Olympics Chorus – viewed a YouTube performance; agreed they could perform on a small scale (i.e., quartet ensemble). Hueth will research if they are able to accept donations.

7. Public Comments: Eva Kozun thanked the CAAC for working so hard. She’d love to see the arts & cultural community address “Art & Wellness” in the future.

8. Arts Conversation (open discussion time) – Hueth distributed an Art Exhibit Schedule for

the balance of 2019 that includes dates for closing “The Beach” exhibit, opening the “Tie One On” exhibit, and promoting the “Illuminations” exhibit. DelaBarre added Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> as the date to install the holiday tree in the lobby to prepare for the Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> First Friday Art Walk/Tree Lighting ceremony. Hueth will ask Natalie Martin about the painted instruments (trombone) which could also be used in the “Green Room” decorations.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56pm.

## Arts Coordinator's Monthly Report ~ 8/19/2019

### Keying Around

- All 3 pianos picked up on 8/5; Tiger piano returned to Gayle Nelson @ Sunland; other two stored at band shell.
- Sent thank you letters

### Block Party

Sent thank you letters/messages to all

### Public Inquiries

- Free ballet in the Plaza update – low registration so not doing end-August, maybe some time in the fall.
- Ann Marie – Movies in the Park in the fall with hot cocoa. Why did we stop Movies in the Park?

### Student Intern for CAAC:

Cyndi has asked the two new Council Liaisons (Hannah and Eva) to see if one of them is interested in serving on the CAAC; Hannah declined; no word from Eva; also asked one other applicant (Brianna) via email on 8/1/19.

### Music in the Park:

- 3 concerts left (Farmstrong, Joy in Mudville, and Ranger & the Re-Arrangers. Black Diamond Junction on August 6<sup>th</sup> has been the largest attended concert with best weather!
- Weekly donations minimal. Too passive of a method of fundraising (green donation boxes) & conflicts with bands having a tip jar on the stage (two bands, so far).
- KSQM interviews with CAAC continue through end-August. Thank you to Carole, Suzanne & Sharon for participating!

### Ideas:

Have we considered naming our Art Gallery? We should be featured as an "Art Gallery" in the PDN's annual "Best of" for voting! *NOTE: CAAC members, please give some thought to this for discussion at the October meeting.*

### In progress:

Sponsorship program – 10-question SurveyMonkey sent to 16 sponsors (previous/current) on 8/9/2019.

### Pending/Researching:

- Kiosk –Intern William Langevin researching software and kiosks in use elsewhere. Ross to take a look at what the Sequim Chamber has in the Visitors Center.
- 1% for the Arts – rcvd City of Lynnwood's ordinance (apprx \$2K/year and revising their ordinance).