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MINUTES CITY OF COVINGTON ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Council Chambers, City Hall
16720 SE 271st Street, Suite 100, Covington

CALL TO ORDER

Sandy Bisordi, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandy Bisordi, Gini Cook, Lesli Cohan, Jonathan Combs and Ed White.

Sandy announced that a new Commissioner had been appointed by City Council (Leslie Spero), but was unable to attend the meeting due to short notice. All moved to excuse her.

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Pat Patterson

Also in attendance were members of the Human Services Commission to hear a presentation from Glenn Akramoff from Public Works, and Rob Hendrickson and Casey Parker from Finance for a presentation to the Arts Commission on the Public Art Fund guidelines/rules.

PUBLIC WORKS PRESENTATION

Glenn made note of several ongoing projects:

- A new waste disposal contract with Republic will result in lower rates for the city and its residents.
- The Urban Forestry Strategic Plan was going to Council on 4/23.
- The Joint Maintenance agreement between Black Diamond, Maple Valley and Covington.
- Capital improvement plan

After this presentation, the Human Services Commissioners were excused.

Jenkins Creek bridge project – presentation by Tetra Tech consultant. This project presents an opportunity for the Arts Commission to influence the aesthetics of the bridge, abutments, light standards, sidewalks and perhaps a gateway installation – all part of the project to widen a section of Kent-Kangley between Multicare and the eastern edge of The Esplanade. The consultant shared drawings and some photos with samples of the sorts of concrete treatments that have been used elsewhere. He'll provide a list of the specific areas of the project which need treatment decisions as well as a list of existing project in King County that we can visit. It was determined that we would meet again in June to move forward with our recommendations.

PUBLIC ART POLICY DISCUSSION

Casey and Rob reported that the funding guidelines outlined in Resolution 03/164, section 3.5 are invalid because of rule changes enacted since the Resolution was made in 2003 and agreed that said Resolution needed to be amended. They reiterated that we can accept donations only through City employees, with a receipt given to donor, and that donation funds roll over automatically annually if not used. Other moneys, including percentage of sales and intake fees, can only be carried forward to the next year if requested; otherwise the funds roll into the general Recreation budget.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

Lesli moved to approve consent agenda; Ed seconded. All approved

Leslie moved to approve agenda; Jonathan seconded. All approved.

CITIZEN/GUEST/STAFF COMMENTS

No citizens in attendance.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- 2013 Student Art Show: Sandy reported that she had delivered thank you notes to all the participating businesses. They'll be going to the schools (after Spring Break) as well, along with generic certificates of participation for the students. Pat reported that the art itself had been returned to the schools. It was generally discussed that the show was a tremendous success, based on feedback received thus far. Sandy will prepare a final report for the next meeting.
- Art Show: It was decided to table development of a new art show and not schedule one for 2013 because so many issues are outstanding; this will also allow the Commissioners to devote time to the Bridge Project. Jonathan suggested sending an e-mail out to the general mailing list explaining this.
- Participation at Covington Days: Discussed the idea that representatives from the various commissions volunteer to man the city booth on a rotating basis to lend support to city employees and as an opportunity to educate the public about the various commissions. The Arts Commissioners voiced their willingness to do this.

NEW BUSINESS

- Group discussed an article on the Aquatic Center that appeared in the 4/4 Covington Reporter, which stated that an "art installation" would be part of the upcoming renovations. This was the first the Arts Commission had heard of this project. Sandy said she would send an e-mail to Scott Thomas asking about our participation in this project.

CITIZEN/COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS

None

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

None

GROUP MEMORY

Group Memory was approved by all Commission members.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.