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MINUTES CITY OF COVINGTON ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, April 12, 2012

**Large Conference Room, 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, Ed White, Jonathan Combs, and Rudi Sullivan.

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Rachel Ann Bahl

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Ed shared that his daughter is currently part of the chorus of Titanic at the 5th Avenue Theatre; Sandy shared that her son, a drummer, is starting a national tour with a band; Gini shared the news of her new job.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve agenda by Ed; Seconded by Rudi -- all in favor.

Rudi moved to approve the Minutes of the 3/8/11 meeting; Ed seconded -- all in favor.

CITIZEN/STAFF COMMENTS

No visitors were in attendance.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- **Public Art Update:** Ed reported that he met with Pat Patterson and Scott Thomas on 3/14. Scott agreed that the city has been remiss in enforcing Referendum 03/164. Ed suggested the need to develop a progressive compliance plan for the art policy implementation and reiterated that an art fund needs to be established. Scott mentioned that the city budget process starts in June and that this would be the first potential opportunity to initiate the process of including public art in the city capital budget process. They set a tentative date of June 26th for a joint meeting of the Arts Commission and City Council. Ed reported that Scott was open to artist-made building materials for the park and while some details are already settled, there should still be opportunities to address this for Phase 1. Finally,

Scott also mentioned that some of the Phase 2, open space sections of the Park property could be available for temporary public art projects.

- Student Art Show: Sandy reported that all the artwork was retrieved from the businesses and returned to the schools. The businesses were given thank you notes at the time of retrieval, written by the Commissioner who covered that particular business. Rachel had the printed certificates for participating businesses and schools and it was decided they would be mailed out. A discussion of the various problems encountered with e-mailing news of the student art show ensued. Problems included the e-mail not getting through to the teachers at all, or getting through with no attachments. It's unclear whether spam filters, file size, or the attachments themselves are causing the problem. Rudi volunteered to contact the school district about their e-mail policies in an effort to solve the mystery. Rudi and Sandy indicated that some changes in procedures/timing are warranted for next year's show and they will include their recommendations in a re-cap report to come.
- Covington Days Art Show: Rudi said the Lyons Club meeting scheduled just before the Art Commission meeting had been cancelled due to a lack of available participants, but that she will attend the next meeting on 4/19 on the Art Commission's behalf. Jonathan has been working toward the possibility of having people from Cartoonists Northwest lead an activity at the show. The group decided to ask for a participatory activity (either quick draw or cartoon strip) to happen twice on Saturday – at 2 and 4, for instance. Jonathan will present our requests to the Cartoonists and get more information on costs, etc. Copies of the art show poster and prospectus were made available for Commissioners to distribute. At the group's request, Rachel was going to have more printed, including some 8-1/2 x 11. If anyone needs more beyond that, we can contact Karla.
- Ed will inquire at Cornish regarding volunteer judges; Gini will contact Green River CC.
- Group had a free-form discussion on the merits of using subcommittees, multiple meetings in a single months, etc., as a means of taking prep work for events off the table at the regular monthly meetings and freeing up time for brainstorming. Rachel will ask for official clarification on this topic.

NEW BUSINESS

- Pat is due back the week of 4/28. Ed will miss the May meeting due to a business trip. Jonathan will be out of town part of May. Sandy cannot attend the Council Meeting on 5/22 to give the Commission report so Gini will do so instead.
- Since Katrina resigned from the Arts Commission we have yet another opening on the Commission. A call for volunteers was put out and applications have been received by the city. Interviews are scheduled for May 22nd.
- WRPA conference is still set for May 1st: Rudi, Sandy and Gini to attend. Not sure if Pat will be able to attend at this time.

- Rachel announced that the 2012 Annual Poetry Contest will be held at the Covington branch of the King County Library on Tuesday, May 15th at 7 pm.

CITIZEN/COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS

None

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Student Art Show recap
- Covington Days Art Show
- Continuing Public Art discussion
- Report from WRPA conference

GROUP MEMORY

Group Memory was approved by all Commission members.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.