



**MINUTES
CITY OF COVINGTON
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING**

Thursday, August 13, 2015

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

CALL TO ORDER

Lesli Cohan called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gini Cook, Ed White and Leslie Spero present. Gini moved to excuse Paul Sellend and Jennifer Harjehausen (seconded by Lesli) (one position currently open).

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Pat Patterson, Recreation Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve was made by Ed and seconded by Leslie; all in favor.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the July minutes by Leslie; seconded by Lesli; all in favor.

CITIZEN/GUEST/STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- Covington Days Debrief: Overall the group liked the location – especially the Arts Commission’s space. Concurred that it was so hot that the weather probably impacted the event in multiple ways. Sunday attendance seemed very low, and Gini commented that one vendor she spoke with suggested that there be some sort of event on Sunday to increase draw (as the parade did for Saturday) – along the lines of a chili cook-off or such. Ed, Gini and Lesli manned the Arts Commission booth both days and felt it was a good opportunity for the Commission – chatted with lots of people, sold some of the donated art and overall brought awareness of the Sea Horse sculpture, the drive for donations and art in the community in general. The group also felt that the Commission needs a banner and should pay greater attention to large, eye-catching signage in the future. The City’s street banner also needs to be done in colors that pop more and increase readability.

- KidsFest: Event will be Saturday, 8/15 from 10 to 2:00. Leslie, Ed and Gini will man the booth. Gini and Leslie will bring the supplies for the Sea Horse craft project. Requested two canopies (one with two side panels), 3 tables and 8 chairs, plus magic markers.
- Public Art: Ed, Leslie & Lesli will get together on 9/1 for a subcommittee meetings to discuss what to do about the policy, how to approach businesses, and so forth. Made a motion to amend the motion made at the last meeting:
 - The Arts Commission moves to use the balance of funds of the 2015 Decision Card for Public Art for the purpose of a Lease to Purchase contract for Sea Horse, from the end of the current contract through December 2016.Motion was made by Ed to approve, seconded by Leslie – all approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The person who the Commission chose to display art in September is unable to do so at that time; decision was made to show City-owned art in September, and show Lois Lord's work in January.

Lesli reported that she would be unable to make the report to City Council in August and September; Pat said there's no council meeting in August. Group will decide who will make September report at the September meeting.

CITIZEN/COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS

None

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

GROUP MEMORY

Group Memory was approved by all Commission members.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.