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MINUTES CITY OF COVINGTON ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, February 13, 2014

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, Ed White, Lesli Cohan, Leslie Spero, and Jonathan Combs. Aunna Moriarty was absent.

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Pat Patterson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ed made motion to approve; seconded by Leslie; all in favor.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Ed moved to approve December meeting minutes; seconded by Leslie; all approved.
Leslie moved to approve minutes of January meeting; Sandy seconded; all approved.

CITIZEN/GUEST/STAFF COMMENTS

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- **STUDENT ART SHOW:** Sandy reported that art will be sorted on 2/18 in the Community Room from 9 – 2 pm. Grass Lake and Kentwood chose not to participate this year, but the feeling was about 600 pieces had been delivered. Leslie had contacted businesses and lined up their participation. It was noted that we will not be hanging art at the Aquatic Center this year because of the problems we had with it staying up last year. The art will be ready to be picked up by for hanging on Friday, 2/28 and will go up between 2/28 and 3/2. The Reception will be 3/3 and Jonathan suggested we have something on display about the future Aquatic Center outdoor art installation. Sandy said she would not be able to attend the City Council meeting on 3/11 during which the Mayor will be proclaiming March Student Art Month; Ed volunteered to attend.
- **PUBLIC ART:** Ed and Pat reported on the 4Culture workshop they attended which didn't turn out to be particularly applicable to our problems, but was valuable from an

interactional standpoint. They also shared some of the information they got from Maija McKnight, Arts Coordinator from the City of Auburn about plinths. These people were happy to share their experience and knowledge and some valuable information was obtained, including a source for “ready made” plinths of the type used for holding light standards. Gini and Ed planned to meet at the Aquatic Center sometime the weekend of February 22/23 to try to formulate size parameters for the piece that will be sought for that space.

- **RETREAT HOMEWORK:** Commissioners turned in their top 10 criteria for selecting locations for public art projects.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Covington Days:** Pat reported that Karla was working toward having a booth during the fair in which the various Commissions would each have 1-1/2 or 2 hour blocks to host a children-friendly activity related to the Commission’s mission. This would be Sun, July 20th.
- **Angie Feser,** the planner for phase II of Covington Community Park will attend our March meeting. Leslie Spero has been in contact with her already in Leslie’s role as our park liaison.
- **Rotating Art Exhibit:** Commissioners reviewed applications and settled on a schedule for the next 12 months. It was decided to continue doing this selection later than previously; next year it will be done in January.

The schedule is as follows:

March 2014: Student Art

April 2014: William West

May 2014: Kent Valley Artists

June 2014: Richard Burhans

July 2014: Tami Donnelly

August 2014: Michael Diegel

September 2014: Tom Grames and Sandy Bisordi

October 2014: Domestic Violence Task Force

November 2014: Jo Anne Iwasaki’s Art Students

December 2014: Staff and Commission Members

January 2015: City Owned Art

February 2015: will be selected in January 2015.

CITIZEN/COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS

None

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

Review the submissions for the rotating exhibit.

GROUP MEMORY

Group Memory was approved by all Commission members.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.