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### MINUTES CITY OF COVINGTON ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, February 14, 2013

Large Conference Room, City Hall  
16720 SE 271<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 100, Covington

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Sandy Bisordi, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandy Bisordi, Gini Cook, Lesli Cohan, and Ed White. Jonathan Combs was excused due to illness.

#### CITY STAFF PRESENT

Pat Patterson

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

Lesli moved to approve consent agenda; Ed seconded. All approved  
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#### CITIZEN/GUEST/STAFF COMMENTS

Cath Bruner from 4Culture

Cath was invited to attend our meeting to answer questions that came up during the retreat in January. She addressed the following:

- Ways to increase the caliber of the art show:
  - Jury the show
  - Set a theme
  - Sponsor a sculpture exhibit
  - Make cash awards
- She also strongly advised us to get the word out, liberally using social media.

#### CONTINUED BUSINESS

- 2013 Student Art Show: Sandy reported that we had received 840 pieces of student art compared to last year's 285 or so – seeming to prove that contacting docents and others associated with the art programs at the schools rather than teachers was clearly successful. Pat, Gini and Sandy had met that day to inventory the art, making sure the lists from the teachers matched the actual pieces and found just a few discrepancies. They would be meeting again on Tuesday and Wednesday (19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>) to actually divide the work up for the businesses that had agreed to participate. Regarding that, Sandy had enlisted several

new businesses, but she was still waiting to hear on whether some would agree to help. It was decided to use the same program art as last year, with some minor color tweaking by Ed and of course a new list of participating businesses. The portfolios of work to be posted should be picked up between Wednesday and Friday; additional volunteers for this aspect of the project are being sought.

- Public Art Policy: Ed and Pat still need to schedule a meeting with Scott Thomas. Regarding city branding and a possible theme for public art, Gini attended the 1/24 CEDC meeting to hear the branding presentation and forwarded a copy of the power point presentation to arts commission members. An actual tagline for the city has not yet been settled upon, but the timeline calls for that to be accomplished by the end of the second quarter. Group seemed to agree that the working tagline of “Growing Towards Greatness” was bland and seemed to imply that the city isn’t anything great yet. Pat reported that Casey in Finance had informed him that the fee and sales dollars acquired from the 2012 art show reverted to the Parks Fund instead of staying in the Art Fund. At this point, the only moneys in the art fund are donations received. Since this wasn’t what we were lead to believe back in July, some clarification needs to be made.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Sandy will attend the 2/26 council meeting to receive Youth Art Month Proclamation.
- Group received copies of the Congressional Art Commission letter from Dave Reichart.
- Group agreed that they would request a 2013 joint session with City Council for October.

#### **CITIZEN/COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS**

- Pat mentioned the upcoming project to widen the portion of Kent-Kangley from MultiCare to Bank of America, and the distinct possibility that the bridge would be viable “art” project. He handed out some information on other local decorative bridges.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

- Begin process of working with Parks and Planning Commissions.

#### **GROUP MEMORY**

Group Memory was approved by all Commission members.

#### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.