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MINUTES CITY OF COVINGTON ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, November 14, 2013

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

CALL TO ORDER

Sandy Bisordi, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandy Bisordi, Gini Cook, Jonathan Combs, Ed White and Leslie Spero. Aunna Moriarty was not in attendance. Lesli Cohan was excused.

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Pat Patterson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Gini made motion to approve with addition Sandy wanted; seconded by Ed; all approved.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

No meeting was held in October due to a lack of quorum. Motion to approve minutes of September meeting made by Leslie; seconded by Ed; all approved.

CITIZEN/GUEST/STAFF COMMENTS

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- State of the City Address/Dinner: commissioners briefly reported on discussions held at their tables. There was a little give and take on art at some of the tables, none at others.
- Public Art Funding Survey: commissioners reviewed the proposed survey and decided to add a point asking recipients if they've had better results with calls for artists or calls for qualifications. Ed will update the survey and get it to Pat for distribution.
- Joint Meeting: Ed reported from his notes on the many comments from Council members. It was generally thought that the meeting had been a great success; the Council members appear to be fully on board with getting art in the public spaces of the city and were impressed with the work done so far. Kudos to Ed for such a well-constructed presentation.
- Sandy shared excerpts from a book borrowed from Marla Moon – A Field Guide to Seattle's Public Art. The book was compiled in the 90s, but tells the story of how Seattle

came to be such a great place for public art. Definitely worth the read if you can get your hands on a copy.

- December display artists: This portion of the rotating exhibit will be art from commissioners, council members and city employees. Pat has had some images submitted already.
- City Purchase of art: Pat reminded commissioners that there were still funds available for the art purchase award since we didn't hold an art show in July. Gini suggested inviting the participant's of the rotating exhibit to resubmit images of art they are interested in selling and the commissioners will make a purchase award from that pool. Motion was made to put this into action; all approved. Gini will also draft an e-mail message for Pat to distribute.

NEW BUSINESS

- Retreat or no retreat? Consensus seemed to be that a retreat would be useful. Ed will work up a potential agenda for review at the next meeting.
- Sandy will be unable to attend the City Council Meeting on 11/26 to give a report; Gini will attend in her place.

CITIZEN/COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS

None

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

None

GROUP MEMORY

Group Memory was approved by all Commission members.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.