



**MINUTES  
CITY OF COVINGTON  
ARTS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**

**Thursday, November 19, 2015**                      **City Hall, Council Chambers  
16720 SE 271<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 100, Covington**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Lesli Cohan called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Gini Cook, Ed White, Lesli Cohan, Jennifer Harjehausen, Tyler Bykonen and Paul Selland;  
Leslie Spero was excused.

**CITY STAFF PRESENT**

Pat Patterson, Recreation Manager

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve agenda was made, seconded and approved.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to approve the October 8, 2015 meeting minutes was made, seconded and approved.

**CITIZEN/GUEST/STAFF COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Sara Springer, Covington City Attorney  
Barbara McMichael, SoCo Culture

Sara spent an hour discussing first amendment rights and the impact on Arts Commission activities, especially the rotating exhibit at City Hall. With City Hall considered a “designated public forum”, we have an obligation to see that the exhibit doesn’t violate anyone’s rights. She suggested that we develop a method of ensuring that our selection process is consistent. Sara reported that many City policies were being reviewed in light of the first amendment and recent Supreme Court rulings, and also that the City needs an ordinance for fund raising.

Barbara issued an invitation to the Commissioners to a South King County Arts Commissioners Summit to be held the evening of February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Tukwila Community Center. She also mentioned the Arts and Heritage Day in Olympia, which will be February 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

- The group discussed the Joint meeting with City Council, and the desire of the Council that some sort of theme be developed for public art in the City. One suggestion involved a woodland theme that would include native flora and fauna. Another suggestion was art from recycled materials, as we've already got SeaHorse which fits that.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- SeaHorse Day is December 8<sup>th</sup> and Lesli and Ed plan to attend the City Council meeting for that. There will be a SeaHorse "birthday" event on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Aquatic Center. Rachel has requested that the Arts Commission reprise the paper plate seahorse project from 12:30 to 2:30. At the minimum, Ed and Gini will be there to oversee that.
- Phase 2 of Covington Community Park was discussed, specifically how/when the Commission can impact artistic solutions to standard park fixtures. It was agreed that e-mails to Angie would be appropriate. Gini mentioned that she'd been approached by Angie and Colleen McMeen about sharing information on outdoor tiles that might be used at Jenkins Creek Park.
- The Commissioners agreed to work on creating lists of criteria for the rotating art exhibit to bring to the next meeting.

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

None

## **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

Annual Retreat

## **GROUP MEMORY**

Group Memory was approved by all Commission members.

## **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 9:25.