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MINUTES CITY OF COVINGTON ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, September 12, 2013

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandy Bisordi, Gini Cook, Jonathan Combs, Aunna Moriarty, Ed White, Leslie Spero & Lesli Cohan.

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Pat Patterson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve by Lesli; seconded by Ed; all approved.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve by Leslie; seconded by Ed; all approved.

CITIZEN/GUEST/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilman David Lucavish was present for the meeting.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Public Art Discussion:

- Decision card – budget process has not yet reached the stage of reviewing the decision cards.
- Bids for Pool project were due that day.
- Bridge project – wasn't funded during the regular Legislative session; some possibility it could still get funded as transportation issues were to be considered again.
- Pat has talked to newly hired Public Works Director Don Vondran about getting the list of projects that former director Glenn Akramoff had mentioned to the Commission at our April meeting.
- Ed briefly explained the “potential art project sites” map to David.
- Gini mentioned having seen reference to a Storefronts Seattle project that places art in empty buildings. The group thought there might be some merit to seeing if this would work in Covington sometime in the future.

- Jonathan proposed sending a letter to cities that have art programs that might be adapted in Covington, requesting information about funding, what the organization pays for, how they attract artists and so forth. Group collectively thought the letter could be shortened and Pat suggested making it easier for prospective respondents to answer by incorporating more of a questionnaire. Commissioners were encouraged to send their thoughts to Jonathan, and then Jonathan, Ed and Aunna, as the Public Arts Sub-Committee would rework the letter.
- December Display Artist – as previously decided, the art on view at City Hall in December will come from city employees, commissioners, and council members. Pat is going to work out the “call to artists” based on a combination of the criteria used for the rotating display and the Covington Days art show. Artists will be asked to submit photos of the actual work they intend to display by 11/12/13 so that the Commissioners can review the submissions at the 11/14 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Arts Commission’s Joint Meeting with City Council is scheduled for October 22nd. Commissioners need to be thinking about agenda items. Some of the suggestions brought forward were the map of potential art project locations, a timeline of our year, starting with the January retreat results, and public art policy and funding.
- The State of the City meeting/dinner is Thursday, September 19th. Commissioners were strongly encouraged to RSVP to Scott Thomas.
- Sandy will be unable to attend the City Council meeting on September 24th; Ed will attend in her place.

CITIZEN/COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS

None

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Joint Meeting with City Council

GROUP MEMORY

Group Memory was approved by all Commission members.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.