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MINUTES CITY OF COVINGTON ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, September 13, 2012

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

CALL TO ORDER

Sandy Bisordi, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandy Bisordi, Gini Cook and Ed White. Gini moved to excuse Jonathan Combs and Lesli Cohan; Ed seconded the motion.

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Pat Patterson

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

Sandy added Student Art Show to the agenda under New Business. Ed moved to approve the agenda as amended; Gini seconded. Ed moved to approve the minutes of the 8/9/12 meeting; Gini seconded.

CITIZEN/STAFF COMMENTS

No citizens in attendance.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- Ed's art show report was presented for review.
- State of the City meeting is 9/20. All in the group have RSVP'd, except for Jonathan. Pat had talked with Scott Thomas about the various commissions doing reports, but didn't get a clear understanding that any such thing would actually occur. In case such brief reports will be included in the meeting, Pat will e-mail Sandy so she can prepare something.
- Regarding the Art Commission's joint meeting with City Council: Ed reported that he and Jonathan have continued to work on the power point presentation which they will present to the commission in a dry run at the 10/11 meeting. Sandy expressed her desire that the presentation touch on ways to engage more citizens in the arts. Discussion ensued regarding how much wording vs. images would make the presentation work best. Reminder that any printed information we wanted for the meeting needs to get to Pat by 10/16 so it can be included in the council members' packets.

- Rotating City Hall Art Display: application has been updated by city staff and is ready to go out.
- New commission members: The applicant who was to be interviewed by City Council in September has withdrawn his application, presumably because he started a new job and didn't feel he had the time.

NEW BUSINESS

- Covington Days: Pat attended the Lions' Club meeting to discuss next year's festival. The group apparently thinks the festival should move to the area west of Kohl's where KidsFest was held. Art commissioners discussed where the art show would be held in that case; currently Noobs is empty and that might be a possibility, although the space could be occupied by next year. Discussion followed about the importance of having all the events clustered together, as opposed to spreading them around town. Consensus seemed to be that together was better, given traffic in the city. The Commissioners reiterated their belief that the city desperately needs a permanent venue for the festival, understanding that it may be several years before this is viable, but the consensus was that the Arts Commission needs to continue to express their needs for the Art Show to the Festival Committee so that it doesn't get short shrift in the venue planning. The commissioners also bounced around ideas about the parade route.
- Student Art Show/2013. Sandy and Rudi Sullivan have met and formulated a simple flier to hand out to the schools. They will be contacting each of the area schools to get the names of the people (teachers, art docents, etc.) who will be the best ones to get the word out to the individual teachers about the March show. They want to get the word out earlier this year than we did for 2012 – hopefully in November.

CITIZEN/COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS

- Pat said there was really good attendance at the KidsFest event. Sandy and Gini, who participated in the event, suggested for the future that the chalk venue be held in an area that wasn't quite so inviting to bicycle traffic.
- Pat attended the SoCoCulture meeting where Brad Brotherton of Brotherton Cadillac was the speaker. The Brotherton family/organization is very supportive of the arts in the cities in which they do business.
- Pat reported that progress was being made at the Park. Grading of the soccer field resulted in a great deal of excess dirt that has been pushed into a berm on the east side of the field. While this wasn't in the original plan, it's been decided that this will create a terrific viewing area for field activities.
- Pat informed the group that a new person was joining the city staff to work on obtaining sponsorships and formulating rec department classes. She will work 200 hours a year.

- Pat presented a financial report for the Commission. Three accounts have been set up: Participant Fees, Public Art Fund, Commissions on Sales. The current balance of the three is: Participation Fees \$395, Donations \$110 and Commission on Sales \$75.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

None

GROUP MEMORY

Group Memory was approved by all Commission members.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.