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MINUTES CITY OF COVINGTON ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, August 9, 2012

Large Conference Room, City Hall
16720 SE 271st Street, Suite 100, Covington

CALL TO ORDER

Sandy Bisordi, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandy Bisordi, Gini Cook, Jonathan Combs, Ed White and Lesli Cohan.

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Pat Patterson

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve agenda by Jonathan; seconded by Lesli. All in favor.

Jonathan moved to approve the Minutes of 7/12/12 meeting; Ed seconded -- all in favor.

CITIZEN/STAFF COMMENTS

- No citizens in attendance.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- Covington Days Art Show: Commissioners discussed the Art Show and their thoughts about what worked especially well and what could be improved for next year. Gini suggested using color coding for student and adult artwork to make voting easier and the placement of identifying tags next to the pieces rather than attached to the bottom to improve readability. She also suggested numbering the pieces so that voters can use numbers instead of vague names like "Mt Rainier" that might pertain to several works of art. Jonathan suggested using hook-and-loop tags instead of pins or tape. It was agreed that the venue in the front of the school was way superior to the gym location of the previous year, from both the perspective of lighting and accessibility. It was agreed that having music at the reception was a really nice feature, and that it would have been nice to have refreshments – perhaps out in front of the exhibition space since the school didn't want food/drink inside. Regarding the cartooning event, consensus was that having an activity was a great addition, but it wasn't as interactive as the Commissioners had envisioned. It was agreed that some research into other sorts of activities for next year was warranted. Perhaps, also, the activity could be presented outside, weather permitting.

Group decided to send thank you notes to the school district personnel who were instrumental in securing the new venue and to Ching-Hui Rook for supplying music at the reception. Jonathan will remind Cartoonists NW to send the city an invoice for their honorarium. Gini reported that she had obtained some information from Roberta Plastino, the artist who painted the latest city art purchase, and would be writing up a paragraph on her for use in the catalog, etc. Ed will consolidate all the comments and stats from the meeting into a report to be presented at the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- State of the City meeting is scheduled for September 20. Pat asked the commissioners what they would like to see happen after the meeting – social event or something else? Group discussed value of meeting other commission members but the consensus was that a more structured information exchange might be beneficial, to explore how the various commissions might interact to the benefit of the city.
- The Art Commission’s joint meeting with City Council is scheduled for October 23rd. Commissioners agreed that an hour would be desirable for the meeting length. Ed and Jonathan are working on the presentation and Jonathan suggested doing a dry run at the regular September Commission meeting. With that in mind, Pat was asked to secure Council Chambers for that September meeting, as opposed to the conference room so we could use the projector.
- 2013 Rotating Art – Pat will put together the communication that will go out to prospective artists for review at our next meeting; aim is to get the notice out a little earlier than we did last year.

CITIZEN/COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS

- Summer Concerts: last one of the 3-concert series is 8/10. Pat said the concerts were well attended. Discussed signage; Airstream graciously advertised the concerts on their electronic reader board.
- KidsFest is 8/18. Rudi Sullivan has volunteered to work this event, but has another commitment precluding her from being there the full time. Gini is going to round out the schedule. Pat said since the city has so much chalk, we’re going to let the kids take it home when they’re done with their chalk drawings.
- Art Show Budget: Pat commented on logistics issues with using city tables and other supplies and suggested that we purchase supplies specifically for the Art Commission. This would include 6 6-foot folding tables, white table cloths (for sculpture exhibit), gray table skirting for the tables and 8 chairs. Gini is to research information on plinths for sculpture exhibition and forward that information to Pat.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Future Agenda Topics to include Art fund policy/procedure, assigning chairs to upcoming projects; report of the Art Fund

GROUP MEMORY

Group Memory was approved by all Commission members.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.