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### MINUTES CITY OF COVINGTON ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, December 8, 2011

Council Chambers, City Hall  
16720 SE 271<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 100, Covington

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Sandy Bisordi, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandy Bisordi, Gini Cook, Ed White, and Rudi Sullivan. Jonathan Combs arrived late.

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Katrina Alegado and Brienne Berg due to work commitment and illness, respectively.

#### CITY STAFF PRESENT

Pat Patterson

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve agenda by Gini; Seconded by Ed; all in favor.

Rudi moved to approve the Minutes of 11/10/11 meeting; Ed seconded; all in favor.

#### CITIZEN/STAFF COMMENTS

No visitors were in attendance.

#### CONTINUED BUSINESS

- Public Art Committee – Ed has been in contact with Selena about our interest in public art projects for the Valley Medical Center project in Covington. Noted that site prep was going to begin soon with the removal of trees on the property.
- Student Art Show Update – Rudi and Ed sent initial e-mail notice out to high school and elementary school teachers. Apparently the junior high schools list teachers on their site, but not their areas of instruction. Rudi has started contacting businesses to determine their desire to participate as exhibitors; still needs to get hours of operation. Sandy has talked to Bank of America (who said they would participate again but had less space) and will talk to Cutters Point and U-Top It at the Esplanade. Discussed that The Little Gym is going out of business, but that the building owner might allow us to display student art

in the windows anyway; Rudi will look into this. Ed will work on the poster over his holiday break. Letter to participating businesses will go out in February.

- Work Plan Update – postponed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- City-owned art statement. Pat reported that the quilt has been taken down from the front office for cleaning and will not be going back up in the same location. Instead, that space behind the information desk will be used to display the most recently purchased piece of city-owned art. We need to compose a permanent explanation of the city's art purchase practices (Ed will work on this) as well as a description of the latest piece and the artist (Gini will do this).
- 2012 City Hall Display  
March is set aside for student art and October for the Domestic Violence Task Force. Typically, the Covington Historical Society has a month, but they have not been in contact with the city about this yet. Discussion ensued regarding the fact that the historical materials really don't fit the art category, repeat every year, and perhaps don't need all of the space available.

We had 11 applicants for the remaining 9 or 10 months (depending on whether the Covington Historical Society takes space).

The group reviewed the eleven applicants' work and selected 10 of them for display. One of the ten indicated that she did not have enough work to fill all of the space available, so it was decided that the Covington Historical Society would be approached to see if they would be interested in sharing space that month.

The artists selected and their assigned months are as follows:

January – Dennis Harrison

February – David Godwin

March – Student art

April – John May

May – Richard Burhans

June – Cathy Simpson (half space) and possibly the Historical Society

July – Leslie Armstrong

August – Donavon Preiser

September – Amy Sie

October – Domestic Violence Task Force

November – Robert Meyers

December – Sally Penley

Pat will oversee letters going out to the participants and the one artist not selected. Discussed the desirability of advertising, at minimum, the display artist and hours the art is viewable in the Covington Reporter each month as part of the city's two page spread, as well as the SoCoCulture website. Noted that Karla had included a write-up about Gigi Paranada, this month's display artist, in The Scoop, and that the Arts Commission would work toward doing this every month for the 2012 showings.

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

Sandy announced that she will be out of town when the next Chamber meeting is scheduled, so Rudi volunteered to represent the Art Commission at the meeting.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

None

#### **GROUP MEMORY**

Group Memory was approved by all Commission Members.

#### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.