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

**Thursday, February 10, 2011  
6:30 p.m.**

**Plotter Room, City Hall  
16720 SE 271<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 100, Covington**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-chair Tonella called meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Donna Tonella, vice chair; Sandy Bisordi, member; Beatrice Wambui, member. Gregg Lobdell, chair, arrived a few minutes after the meeting began and the meeting was turned back to him.

### **MEMBERS ABSENT.**

Rudi Sullivan, member, was absent and excused from this meeting.

### **CITY STAFF PRESENT**

Rachel Bahl, Aquatics Specialist

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Wambui shared an inspirational poem

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES**

- A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Bisordi and seconded by Commissioner Tonella. Motion passed unanimously.
- It was noted that a minor change was needed in the January minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Bisordi to approve the amended minutes and seconded by Commissioner Tonella. Motion passed unanimously.
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### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no visitors at this meeting.

### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

**New Commissioner Recruitment:** Arts Commission information was posted on the website and also was sent to the local Covington Reporter newspaper. One application has been received to date. If enough applications are received by March 8<sup>th</sup>, the City Council will begin the interview process. If not, first interviews will be scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Rachel asked if commissioners whose terms end May

30, 2011, if either would be reapplying. Commissioner Wambui indicated she would be; Commissioner Lobdell indicated he would not be reapplying.

**Covington Days:** Rachel reported that Covington Days will take place on July 15, 16, and 17, at Cedar Heights Middle School. The Arts Commission will have its art show in the small gym. The Lions Club sponsors Covington Days and a committee is meeting to plan it. They wanted to know if the Arts Commission wanted to sponsor an advertising poster contest, but it was agreed that the timeline to do this is too short to do this for this year. The art show prospectus will be reviewed at the March meeting before it is sent out to prospective artists and placed in local businesses.

The Commission discussed art show hours, show purchasing hours, access to the building, security for the art works, and coinciding with the hours of the adjacent Covington Quilt Guild show. The commissioners felt that it needed more information before committing specific show hours and possible staff involvement. Commissioner Tonella will call a friend who works the quilt show to find out days and hours of their show. It was suggested that artists be given a printed reminder of Sunday art pickup times when art is first brought in.

**Student Art Show:** Commissioner Tonella went over the calendar for the upcoming student art show. Commissioners were reminded of the intake inventory dates (February 22 and 23), and the dates for art installation (February 25, 26 & 28). Commissioner Sullivan in an e-mail has asked for an estimate of the number of people who might attend the reception on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was suggested that she use her best guesstimate, but noted that we were not competing this year with the NCAA playoffs. Because we would like to be able to show off student art work at the reception, it was suggested that the City Council chambers be used for the reception instead of the community room. Rachel will ask Pat if this is a possibility. The reception invitations need to be sent out at the beginning of the coming week and Commissioner Bisordi offered to do this. Last year's invitation will be e-mailed for corrections and printed at the city. Pat and Rudi have delivered letters to participating businesses. It was noted that one business will no longer be available, and the Commission agreed earlier that two other places will not be used because of lack of space and/or lack of open hours for viewing (Sports Cuts and the Chamber office). Several dates of tasks already completed were changed on the initial master calendar. New copies of the calendar will be available at the March meeting.

**City-Owned Art Display:** Rachel read an e-mail from Scott Thomas noting that this was a "good job!". Thomas suggested addition of signage, consistent additional signage per piece, and exploring the possibility of a traveling art show. The February display will be up until February 28<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Tonella reported that an Excel list of city-owned art is now up-to-date. Commissioners Sullivan, Bisordi and Tonella, along with staff liaison Pat Patterson, cataloged the art for the list.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioners were reminded that the Council will be reading a proclamation announcing Youth Art Month at the February 22<sup>nd</sup> council meeting. All commissioners are asked to attend, if possible.

Ensuring that a commission member is available to report monthly at the second city council meeting was discussed. Either the chair or vice-chair agreed that one of them would attend or ask another commission member to go instead.

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Commissioner Wambui brought a proposed plan for a Multicultural Day event which listed who, what, where, when, and how this could take place. It was suggested that this might be something to incorporate into Covington Days. Rachel will relay this suggestion to Pat for the next Covington Days committee to consider. The consensus was that this is not something for the commission to take on because of its scope, the city's lack of venue, and possible involvement of staff time.

## **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

As noted before, the commission will begin work on the Covington Days Art Show prospectus at the March meeting. Also, we will be adding continuing months to the work plan calendar

**Comments:** Commissioners regretted that Pat was unable to attend the meeting and wished him well! We thanked Rachel for being willing to take Pat's place at our meeting. Commissioner Wambui was thanked for being group memory recorder.

## **ADJOURN**

Chair Lobdell adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Recording of Group Memory,  
Beatrice Wambui, Commissioner

Recording of Meeting Minutes  
Donna Tonella, vice-chair