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MINUTES CITY OF COVINGTON ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

**Thursday, November 18, 2010
6:30 p.m.**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lobdell called meeting to order at 6:45pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gregg Lobdell, Chair; Donna Tonella, vice chair; Rudi Sullivan, secretary; Diane Gamlem, Member; Beatrice Wambui, member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sandy Bisordi

- A motion to excuse the absence of commission member Sandi Bisordi was made by Donna and seconded by Diane. Motion passed unanimously.

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Pat Patterson, Recreation & Aquatics Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Sullivan read an inspirational statement

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- A motion to table approval of the minutes of October 8, 2010, until the December meeting was made by Diane and seconded by Beatrice. Motion passed unanimously. It was noted that several minor editing changes still need to be made to those minutes.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A motion to accept the Agenda was made by Donna and seconded by Diane. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no visitors at this meeting

CONTINUED BUSINESS

Covington Days Celebration

Pat reviewed the current discussions concerning a new location for Covington Days, as the MultiCare site will not be available. Pros and cons of the Cedar Heights Middle School suggested location were discussed, as well as a suggestion that the Covington Days Art Show be combined with the Covington Guild's Quilt Show at Cedar Heights. Several other possible sites suggestions were made for Pat to take back to the Covington Days planning group.

NEW BUSINESS

2011 Display Artists Selection

Seven artists have submitted applications for consideration. Two annual displays (historical society and domestic violence awareness (Purple Lights Nights) are pre-scheduled for the months of May and October, respectively.

Commission members worked the calendar to fill the remaining months. Since the Student Art Walk is in March, their art will be used in the chamber room. We will ask staff to display their art in September and because the city owns a large number of art pieces, it will be displayed in February. The commission was not always able to give each artist the choices they requested. After discussion, the months, provided each selected artist agrees, will be filled as follows:

- January – Diane Cepeda
- February – City-owned art
- March – Student Art
- April – Thomas Grames (1/2) and another artist if needed
- May – Historical Society
- June – Annette Lusher
- July – Judy Swedberg
- August – Gigi Paranada
- September – City Staff
- October – Domestic Violence Task Force
- November – Larry Lindstrand
- December – Wil Kerner

Note; several of the selected artists had asked for unavailable months and were placed on alternate dates. Gregg will call Debbie, Thomas and Judy to determine their willingness to display in the month assigned.

- A motion to approve the schedule as proposed was made by Diane and seconded by Beatrice. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

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Donna suggested that a portion of the December meeting be used to review the upcoming January and February calendar related to Student Art Walk tasks.

Also at the December meeting, a motion needs to be made to extend the current officers' terms of office to coincide with the new term limits set by the Council, i.e., until May 30, 2011. Election of new officers at that time would coincide with this change.

Gregg noted that the Auburn building code encourages inclusion of art in each new building, suggesting that we look into this, also.

Pat mentioned the e-mail we received from a member of the Renton Arts Commission who lives in Covington, indicating her interest in promoting arts in our city.

Diane announced that she is unable to continue serving as a commission member. She has been a welcome addition to the commission with fresh ideas and commitment to the Covington arts program. She will be greatly missed! Thank you, Diane.

ADJOURN

Chair Lobdell adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.

Recording of Group Memory,
Donna Tonella, vice chair