

Bothell Arts Commission May 13, 2021 Minutes

Call to order

The remote meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

Present: Hillary Long, chair; Katrina Sather, vice-chair; Kim Foley; Sophie Stobie; Marybeth Turk; Coby Zeifman; Kylie Chang

Excused: Kelly Atkinson; Kaylee Ditlefsen

Council Liaison: Tom Agnew

Staff: DeNae McGee, Tourism Manager/Art Commission liaison

Approval of Agenda

Sather moved to approve the May Agenda; Stobie seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Leslie Foley from the Northshore Performing Arts Center reported that based on the results from surveys, citizens of Bothell and the surrounding cities want a community theatre and arts space.

Special Presentation

There were no special presentations.

Old Business Items

1. Sather moved to approve the April minutes as amended; Turk seconded; Sather made an amendment that she nominated Long as chair, not Atkinson; Motion passed unanimously.
2. There was more discussion about chalk art. McGee reported that the Parks Department is happy to donate 3,200 pieces of chalk for Arts Commission to use for community chalk activities. McGee also reported that there is Sustained Support funds from a grant from 4Culture to hire chalk artists if that's something the commission is interested in pursuing. Zeifman motioned to proceed with the chalk art project while continuing to discuss the cost, date, and the addition of chalk artists for the event; Turk seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

New Business Items

1. Zeifman presented a project of Main St. Entrance Beautification. A couple of ideas include murals and decorative fencing.

Comments from Council Liaison

The City of Bothell is in the process of hiring a new city manager. Council Member Agnew will be departing from council by the end of the year but will continue to support the Arts Commission.

Reports from Staff

1. McGee gave an update about Fire Station 42. The artist contract and insurance issues have been resolved. The Arts Commission saw Fleming's proposal for the art at the fire station. Construction will begin in July and the artwork will not be incorporated into the building until 75% completion.
2. An email containing a survey about the new city manager will be sent to the commission very soon and are encouraged to fill it out since Council is looking for their feedback.
3. Planning has begun for the reopening of city facilities such as City Hall that has been closed due to Covid-19. A date has not yet been determined and the city will continue to follow Governor Inslee's phased approach to opening.

Reports of Commission Members

1. The Public Arts Committee discussed Chalk Art.
2. Chair Long started a conversation about how Miro has been working for the commission members. There seemed to be a general consensus between members that Miro is not used regularly by everyone but is a useful for opening conversations and a good virtual organization tool for keeping the commission focused on the Cultural Plan's Strategic Directions.
3. Setting future meeting agenda
-There were not recommended items for June's agenda.

Adjournment

Sather moved to adjourn; Foley seconded; No discussion; Motion passed unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.