

Bothell Arts Commission June 10, 2021, Minutes

Call to order

The remote meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Present: Hillary Long, Chair; Katrina Sather, Vice-Chair; Kim Foley; Sophie Stobie; Marybeth Turk; Coby Zeifman; Kelly Atkinson; Kylie Chang, Secretary

Excused: Kaylee Ditlefsen

Council Liaison: Tom Agnew

Staff: DeNae McGee, Tourism Manager/Art Commission Liaison; Nik Stroup, Parks Director

Approval of Agenda

Stobie moved to approve the June Agenda; Zeifman seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Special Presentation

There were no special presentations.

Old Business Items

1. Turk moved to approve the May Minutes; Foley seconded; Sather amended May Minutes to read May Minutes not March Minutes; Motion passed unanimously.
2. Conversation about chalk art continued. A Chalk Art Committee was established, and they will explore options such as a one-day event in August.
3. Staff showed the Commission one of the artist renderings for beautification of the cement blocks on Main Street. One artist will paint the three cement blocks on 101st and the other will paint the three blocks on 102nd. Work will be completed, weather permitting, by the end of June. Someone inquired about the Gallery. Staff reported that Joy Hagen is interested in finishing the two months of her exhibition at City Hall cut short when it closed due to the pandemic. The two other artists scheduled to exhibit in 2020 are ready to share art in City Hall too once it opens again to the public. A third artist, also selected, has not returned staff calls or emails.

New Business Items

1. Sather attended a Chamber meeting and gave the Commission an overview of the meeting.
2. Chair Long proposed establishing a Planning Committee in the future.
3. The Open Public Meetings Act was explained. Commissioners were reminded to reply only to McGee and Long instead of replying to all when emails are sent to all Commissioners.

Comments from Council Liaison

The City of Bothell will post the position for a City Manager soon and will also soon be posting for an assistant city manager as well. Council Liaison Agnew asked for interested commission members to email Long and McGee. City Hall is set to possibly open in the middle of September.

Reports from Staff

1. Leslie Foley, President of the Northshore Performing Arts Foundation, requested that it be mentioned donations are greatly appreciated.
2. The developer of Lot D has been offered a third option of an art wrap. This has never been an option before and the Commission should be proud of their work advocating for Council's adoption of the Cultural Plan since this option likely would not have been included without it.
3. The artist working on Fire Station 42, John Fleming, is doing research by reaching out to fabricators to determine whether his budget can light the numbers of 42, and potentially the numbers at Fire Station 45.

Reports of Commission Members

The Public Arts Committee reported that they are reviewing the Public Art Policy and will have recommended updates soon for the Commission to review. Commissioner Atkinson would like to consider exploring the development of an ongoing grant program to support local nonprofits and artists.

Sending Future Meeting Agenda

There were no recommendations for the July Agenda.

Adjournment