

Bothell Arts Commission April 8, 2021 Minutes

Call to order

The remote meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

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

Excused: Kaylee Ditlefsen, Kim Foley

Staff: DeNae McGee, Tourism Manager/Art Commission Liaison; Nik Stroup, Parks Director; Shelby Krogh, Volunteer and Special Events Coordinator; Denise McCormack, Administrative Services Coordinator

Vice Chair Sather introduced and welcomed new commissioners, Turk and Zeifman. The BAC is happy to have them on board and Turk and Zeifman talked about their interests and reasons for applying.

Approval of Agenda

Long moved to approve the April Agenda; Chang 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 March 11 Minutes; Stobie seconded; No discussion; Motion passed unanimously.
2. Public Art Committee Chair Long, discussed potential summer events the PAC have considered during their meetings. Long requested feedback on their ideas as well as other suggestions. Socially distancing kinds of art events were presented including Sidewalk Chalk Art, Fabric Square Making, and Yarn Bombing. Staff recommends that a decision is finalized at the May meeting for adequate planning and implementation.

New Business Items

1. The Chair's position is currently open. Atkinson nominated Long as Chair; Stobie seconded; No discussion; Motion passed unanimously. Sather remains Vice Chair since elections occurred recently and no nominations for the position were given. Sather agreed to remain as Vice Chair. Sather nominated Chang as Secretary; Stobie seconded; No discussion; Motion passed unanimously. Vice Chair Sather turned the meeting over to Chair Long.

Comments from Council Liaison

Councilman Agnew was not in attendance.

Reports from Staff

1. Krogh provided an update on the outlook for special events this summer as it relates to Governor Inslee's phased approach to openings. Krogh is happy to share her presentation to BAC and will forward that on to everyone.
2. Stroup inquired if BAC would be interested in changing monthly meetings to every other month since Park Board meetings take place on the same night and time as BAC meetings. If BAC meets on the months that Park Board does not meet, it would allow more staff support since Stroup and McCormack would be available to attend. BAC discussed this option and are open to the idea but would prefer to wait several months so the new commission members have time to settle in.
3. McGee is working on a grant request for pedestrian wayfinding through the American Association of Retired Persons. This is a grant collaboration with city planning and landmark preservation, tourism, and potentially the arts commission by adding visual images to the signs should funding be awarded. The visual images would involve a Call to Artists and potential themes were discussed such as nature, our indigenous culture, or other Bothell cultural communities currently not featured in downtown public art. BAC agreed to participate in this project and requested to be involved in selecting a potential theme if a draft for Call to Artist occurs.

BAC also requested an update on the Storefronts project. McGee has not been successful in finding a business available to participate. McGee asked if BAC had any other locations in mind and asked if anyone, preferably a bank member, could reach out to Banner Bank and inquire about a window that might be an option. Sather offered to contact the manager. BAC provided no additional locations at this time.

Reports of Commission Members

1. Long's update from the Public Art Committee (PAC) was presented under Old Business and there were no other updates at this time.
2. Commissioners were unable to give status updates for the four Strategic Directions due to lack of time. According to BAC bylaws, meetings adjourn no later than 8:00 pm.
3. Recommended items for May's Agenda:
 - Update on Public Art for Fire Station #42 and potentially Fire Station #45;
 - Update, if any, on the City Manager's position.

Adjournment

Sather moved to adjourn; Stobie seconded; No discussion; Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.