



ANACORTES ARTS COMMISSION

Members: Karla Locke, Chair - Marius Hibbard, Betsy Humphrey, Lanny Bergner, Terry MacDonald, Laura Hamilton, Ron Smith and Lisa Rhoades

January 10, 2018

Members Present: Karla Locke, Laura Hamilton, Marius Hibbard, Betsy Humphrey and Lanny Bergner.

Staff Present: Gary Robinson and Mary Snyder.

Called to Order at approximately 4:03 pm.

Minutes: Minutes were not available for perusal. Mary will email both November and December minutes for approval via email to commission members.

Depot Artwalk: Karla stated that February artwalk will include Artists Northwest on the gallery side of the Depot and NW E.S.D. will feature artwork by students from Whatcom to Snohomish counties on the freight/baggage side. Both groups will be open on Friday night and Saturday morning/afternoon. The month of March will feature artwork by Anacortes School District children. May will feature the Salish Plein Air Painters.

Madrona Grove Sculpture Program: The call to artists for 2018 has been distributed and a reminder email will be sent to local artists. Pick-up of the current artwork will take place in February and artists have been notified. It was stated that a celebration will be planned when the next round of artwork is placed.

Art Shacks: Karla and Gary are working on details of a co-op of revolving artists at the art shacks located near Cap Sante Marina. The payment of rent details - \$280 per month for April-October and \$180 for the remainder of the year – are still being worked out. Karla has received interest from about 25-30 artists. Security of items has been questioned by artists. Other costs include signage, heating system and payment system. Artists will be required to bring their own displays.

“Leaking Vase” Celebration: Laura reported that Transition Fidalgo is planning a celebration on Earth Day, April 22 and it was suggested that possibly the Art Commission could work with this group to honor the artist and artwork that is now in place at N Avenue Park. The possibility of having someone speak on the current state of starfish was also suggested. Laura will talk with the group to see if this is possible and then someone will also reach out to the artist on his views.

New Business:

- Marius stated that Maria Petrish has great interest in offering additional Vela Luka dance lessons and inquiring if the group would like to assist. All were in favor and so Marius will work with Maria on dates.
- Gary stated that he has been pondering the idea of a sculpture that could honor the working men and women over the years in the community. The varied historical careers were mentioned. Discussion ensued over possible locations, material, artists and funding.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 4:00** in the Library meeting room.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Snyder

Approved: 2/14/2018