



ANACORTES ARTS COMMISSION

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

February 14, 2018

Members Present: Karla Locke, Laura Hamilton, Marius Hibbard, Lisa Rhoades and Lanny Bergner.

Staff Present: Gary Robinson and Mary Snyder.

Others Present: Rita James

Called to Order at approximately 4:00 pm.

Minutes: January minutes were approved as submitted.

Depot Artwalk: Karla stated that February artwalk, Northwest Artists, did very well with their sales and it worked very well with the NWESD being in the freight room at the Depot at the same time.

Madrona Grove Sculpture Program: Submissions have been coming in, with about 10 received thus far. Two jurors have been chosen and they will meet onsite to discuss placement. Installation will be late March/early April.

Art Shacks: It appears that this project will not be moving forward. Another similar idea for "Pop Up" shows was discussed where a location will be decided and a Thursday-Sunday show will take place. Advertising was discussed and Rita James stated that Lisa Kuhnlein had tried that approach before with little success.

"Leaking Vase" Celebration: Laura stated that she is thinking of moving the date to May/June. The possibility of moving it to the June artwalk was discussed, as it will also be open streets. Advertising on social media and the artwalk list was discussed.

98221 Gallery: The next round of artwork will be June to November 2018 at City Hall. City Hall will be included in the June 1 artwalk. The theme will be "Here Comes Summer". The call will go out mid-March and hanging will be done on May 23 or 24. Mary will invite Fidalgo Island Rocks to the June artwalk at City Hall to display/advertise their group. The group will also be advised of the call to artists.

New Business:

- Karla stated that she attended the Chamber luncheon, hosted by Mayor Gere, and she mentioned the future Pickett Pocket Park. The location will be next to Penguin Coffee. Gary will email the conceptual plan to members. He felt that there was not space for sculptures.
- Karla gave a brief overview of a Washington State Arts Commission "creative district" certification. More information will be available at a webinar that will be held on March 8 in the main floor conference room at City Hall at 10:00 am. The object is to create a district that would attract jobs and tourists and open the door for funding and grants. All were invited to attend the webinar.

- The Library Arts Foundation will be hanging artwork in the library meeting, which will rotate much like is done at City Hall, with a call to artists.
- Gary, Meredith, Mayor Gere and Rita met and discussed the idea of a sculpture that would honor working people of the community. It is expected that \$80,000-\$100,000 will need to be raised. The north end of the marine development seemed to be the logical location.
- Rita advised all of an Arts Festival fundraiser that will be held on April 14 at the transit shed – Jimmy Buffet tribute band. Tickets can be purchased online or at the Arts Festival office.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Snyder

Approved: 03/21/2018