



ANACORTES ARTS COMMISSION

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

March 21, 2018

Members Present: Karla Locke, Laura Hamilton, Betsy Humphrey, Terry MacDonald, Lisa Rhoades and Lanny Bergner.

Staff Present: Gary Robinson and Mary Snyder.

Others Present: Zachary Wight

Called to Order at approximately 4:03 pm. Regular meeting of March 14 was postponed secondary to a power outage in the downtown area of Anacortes. Meeting was rescheduled at City Hall on March 21 at 4:00 (library meeting room was occupied).

Minutes: Minutes from the February meeting were approved as submitted.

Correspondence/Communications: Nothing to report.

Depot Artwalk: Karla reported that April 6 & 7 will feature repurposed art – much of which is 3D and recycled and upcycled. There will be 6-7 artists showing. May will host the Salish Sea Plein Air Painters and June will be occupied with Fidalgo Island Quilters – Art Guild. The possibility of having music during the artwalks was discussed.

Madrona Grove Sculpture Program: Lanny reported that 12 new sculptures have been chose for the Windermere Madrona Grove Sculpture Program. The jury assisted in where the pieces would be placed. Lanny announced that he would like to step down as the chair of the program, however he will assist as needed. Betsy has volunteered to take on the project. The next step will be to receive the contracts, send a letter requesting funding from Windernere, pay the stipends to the artists, placement of the artwork and then a reception coordinated with Windermere. Signage and maps will need to be ordered as well.

“Leaking Vase” Sculpture Celebration: Laura reported that the artist has agreed to the June 1, artwalk Friday, at 5:30 for a dedication reception. Laura is doing research on sea stars and the Salish Sea.

“Pickett Pocket Park”: Gary stated that he has been working with Strandberg on viewing the plans for the area, with inclusion of the area businesses. Seating has been considered and the current plan is to extend to the sidewalk, with an eventual bulb out into the street at a later date.

Pop Up Arts and Crafts: With limited volunteers and interest, this idea has been tabled for the time being. The possibility of seeking additional members of the public to volunteer for various projects was discussed and ways of advertising such.

Creative District: Karla, Laura and Mary viewed the webinar that discussed the state program that is loosely based on one from Colorado wherein the goal is to define a community/neighborhood or district that consists of artistry jobs – ranging from boat building to brewing to art galleries. The definition of the area then brings in additional high paying jobs and tourism, as well as grants and funding. Karla met with the mayor on the same date and she is very interested in learning more. She will talk with Don Measamer and see if the state representative can come to Anacortes to give a brief overview.

New Business:

- Lisa stated that the Studio Tour applications are now available and encouraged all to spread the word. Karla will post to facebook.
- Zachary Wight, employee at How It Works, explained a project that he is seeking support from the Arts Commission. The Postcard Art of Anacortes would be an ongoing project that fosters creativity by placing blank post cards at various locations, people then can draw-write-compose – paint – etc. on the front and then return them. Postcards would be posted on a site and then a show would be held at the end of the season. Possible fundraising ideas were also presented in conjunction with the project.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 4:00** in the Library meeting room.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Snyder

Approved: 4/11/2018