



MINUTES

January 9, 2012

The Edmonds Arts Commission: dedicated to the arts, an integral part of community life.
City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department

PRESENT:

Joanne Otness, Chair

Todd Timmcke

Mary Monfort

Suzy Maloney

ABSENT:

Lois Rathvon

Samantha Saether

STAFF

Frances Chapin

AUDIENCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Joanne Otness, Chair.

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Saether MOVED, Monfort SECONDED the December 5, 2011 Minutes be approved as sent. MOTION CARRIED.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES – Chapin requested item C.I. be discussed first on the agenda.

AUDIENCE – None

PROGRAM REPORTS

A. Youth Arts Education

1. **College Place Middle School workshop** – Otness shared a ‘thank you letter’ from the teacher and notes from students involved, indicating the project was a huge success. Chapin noted that some of the funding was used to purchase books for classroom use.

B. Creative Programming – Program

1. **WOTS Report** – Otness reported that Carla Negggers will be the Keynote speaker. There was discussion re booking her into the ECA. For various reason this will probably not be done. Chapin reported that the sound system for the conference will be improved with new mikes and amp. Cost for the new amp will be shared by the Arts Commission with the Parks and Recreation Dept.
2. **Concerts** – 8 groups have applied. Maloney, Timmcke and Saether will serve on the review committee.
3. **Exhibits** – Most of the exhibits scheduled for the display case in 2012 are joint with the EAFF gallery. Native American artist Linley Logan will exhibit Jan. to mid-March. This will be followed by a Sculpture’s Workshop juried show, and then a display by painter d’Elaine Johnson.

C. Creative Programming: Funding/Administration

1. **Administration – minutes, newsletter, contract assistance-** Chapin proposed reevaluating process and projects previously managed by Kris Gillespie who has retired. She suggested eliminating the Calendar in the Newsletter and providing links to other sources of calendar information. Monfort suggested getting the information to the Beacon. Chapin will do a draft of the Newsletter for the commissioners for comments. The Newsletter will be added to the monthly agenda. Chapin also discussed the need for some assistance with information gathering and organization for the downtown cultural heritage tour project and other areas. Maloney MOVED Monfort SECONDED that up to \$3,500 already budgeted in Professional Services be used for a contract for administrative assistance. MOTION CARRIED.

2. **Retreat** – Commissioners were asked to hold Mar. 17 and 24 as potential dates.
3. **Nominations Internal & External** – Three applications have been received for the Visual Arts opening on the Arts Commission – Mary Anderson, Beverly Shaw-Starkovich and David Varnau. Otness, Timmcke, and Maloney will conduct the interviews and Chapin will schedule. Monfort and Rathvon will serve as alternates.

D. Advocacy & Community Involvement

1. **Arts & Heritage Day, February 1, 2012, Olympia** – Chapin and Rathvon commented on the importance of this annual advocacy day.
2. **Strategic Plan** – The City process is underway. Commissioners were asked to attend planning meetings on Jan.18 and/or 19 and to fill out and submit the adult resident survey on the City Web site. It will also be listed in the newsletter.

STAFF REPORT – no questions

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Otness noted that the EPIC literary event with author Skye Moody on Jan 12 is the first in the series and is presented by a partnership including EAC. She also thanked Frances for the managing the extra work she has picked up since Gillespie's retirement.

Meeting Adjourned at 7: 40 PM