



MINUTES

February 3, 2014

The Edmonds Arts Commission: dedicated to the arts, an integral part of community life.

City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department

PRESENT:

Samantha Saether
Lois Rathvon

Beverly Shaw-Starkovich
Courtney Gu

STAFF
Frances Chapin

AUDIENCE

ABSENT – Joanne Otness (excused), Marni Muir (excused), Suzy Maloney (excused)

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Samantha Saether, Vice Chair

INTRODUCTIONS –

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES –

MINUTES – Jan 6, 2014 Minutes – Rathvon **MOVED**, Shaw **SECONDED**, Approved.

REPORTS

A. Creative Programs

1. **WOTS** – Chapin confirmed that the keynote, science fiction author Robert J. Sawyer, will be presenting at the ECA for the 2014 conference. Commissioners were reminded to save the dates to assist with the conference. Steering Committee member Erin Arguelles will again help organize both hospitality and the reception.
2. **Chamber Arts Awards** – Saether reported that only a few nominations have been received. The Chamber will send out an eblast with information on the four categories, and nominations are due Feb 18.
3. **EAC Candidate Selection** – Rathvon reported that the committee interviewed all 6 applicants on Jan 14 - 15. The applicants were all very talented and quite diverse. The priority for this general opening was for someone interested in performing and/or literary arts. The committee was impressed by all the applicants but reached a consensus that Kevin Conefrey would be the best fit for the Arts Commission at this time. Kevin works in HR but has a longstanding interest in performing arts, especially blues and jazz, and has children who are currently engaged in dance with OBT and jazz with Edmonds Woodway High School. Rathvon **MOVED** and Shaw **SECONDED** that Kevin Conefrey be recommended to the Mayor and City Council for appointment to the Arts Commission. Approved. Discussion followed about the importance of finding ways to engage the talents of people who applied but were not selected at this time, and it was suggested this might be a topic for the retreat.
4. **Best Book Poster Contest** – Chapin asked Commissioners to Save the Date for the reception on April 17. Shaw and Rathvon will not be available. Commissioners will also be asked to assist with picking up and returning posters to the schools. The dates will be sent out by email.
5. **Exhibit Schedule** – Shaw reviewed the list of exhibits in the Library scheduled for 2014.

B. Capital Projects

1. **State Route 99 Enhancements** – Saether, Shaw and Chapin reported that the project dedication was a successful event. Speakers did a good job and the Taiko drumming at the beginning was excellent as well as the comments made by the artist Pam Beyette. There were a number of local merchants in the audience of about 50 people and they expressed their appreciation for the project. It was suggested that the poster of businesses in that area be exhibited somewhere in the city since it brings attention to the wide variety of businesses on that section of Hwy 99.
2. **Cultural Heritage Tour** – Chapin showed an example of the nearly finished interpretive plaques made by artist Judith Caldwell for the Stages of History: Walk Through Time project. Commissioners were impressed with the detail and think this will be a substantial contribution to providing interesting art visuals in the downtown. The goal is to have all 12 plaques fabricated and installed by the end of June. The website component is nearly complete.

C. Funding & Administration

1. **Community Cultural Plan** – Chapin thanked Commissioners for their help in reviewing the plan earlier in the year and pointed out two content changes that were made to the text since that review in addition to corrections and other minor edits. On Feb 4 there will be a presentation and public hearing at City Council. Rathvon **MOVED** and Shaw **SECONDED** that the update of the Community Cultural Plan be recommended to the City Council for approval. **Approved.**

STAFF REPORT – Chapin reported she will be attending Arts Day in Olympia on Feb 5 and briefly summarized the main legislative issues. She reminded Commissioners that Kidstock at ECA is on Saturday. She also requested that Commissioners tally their volunteer hours for December and January.

OTHER BUSINESS – None.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:22 PM