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August 6, 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	Beverly Shaw-Starkovich	STAFF	AUDIENCE
Mary Monfort	Todd Timmcke	Frances Chapin	None
Samantha Saether	Lois Rathvon	Sarah Cocker	

ABSENT: Suzy Maloney, excused for jury duty.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Joanne Otness-Chair

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SAETHER MOVED, MONFORT SECONDED that the June 4, 2012 Minutes be approved as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED. MONFORT MOVED, TIMMCKE SECONDED that the July 2, 2012 Minutes be approved as submitted. MOTION CARRIED.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES – None

PROGRAM REPORTS

A. Youth Arts Education

1. **Middle School Literary Workshop** – No discussion.

B. Creative Programming – Program

1. **WOTS Report** – Chapin confirmed Shaw-Starkovich and Maloney will co-chair WOTS Reception, a meeting will be arranged for September to discuss details. Cocker reported that WOTS registration is going well and planning for WOTS conference is on schedule.
2. **Concerts** – Chapin reviewed methods for counting concert attendees. Rathvon reported on incidents of dogs being at the Summer Concerts in City Park. Chapin confirmed dogs are not allowed in the City Park and reminded commissioners to make an announcement at the beginning of the concert to inform attendees that dogs are prohibited from City Park. She encouraged commissioners to call 911 if they are concerned about public safety.
3. **Public Art Donation** – Chapin reported that she has obtained an estimate of the value for the proposed glass art donation from the EAFF to the City of Edmonds. Commissioners discussed the intent that allowing the Chihuly pieces remain in the public viewed area at the ECA, and ways to increase public awareness of where the pieces are located. RATHVON moved to recommend to City Council that the city accept the donation to the Public Art Collection to ensure they continue to be publicly exhibited, as they have been since 1994. MONFORT seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Hazel Miller Plaza Mosaic, Flower pole sculptures** – Chapin presented a photograph of the new mosaic to the commissioners. Installation of the new mosaic in the Hazel Miller Plaza is scheduled for August 13, 2012. Discussion took place about design changes of the mosaic since the proposal was approved. Chapin presented three new flower pole sketches by artist Anna Sher and Rodman Miller. Commissioners reviewed the three proposed designs. TIMMCKE moved to approve the three designs by Anna Sher and Rodman Miller. SAETHER seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.
5. **On the Fence Update** – Saether reported on Dustin Whaley's installation of On the Fence. Whaley seemed to have a very positive experience and was excited to have the opportunity to create the

installation. Chapin requested commissioners think of ways to engage other artists for future On the Fence installations.

C. Creative Programming: Funding/Administration

- I. Budget Draft 2013** – Chapin presented a 2013 draft budget to the commissioners. Given the city's projected budget shortfall in 2013 and required departmental budget cuts, Chapin has proposed suspending the \$15,000 general fund contribution to the EAC for several years. The EAC would fund programs solely with revenue generated from the WOTS Conference. Proposed cuts to current programming would include eliminating future contributions to the scholarship fund and eliminating one summer concert. The scholarship program will continue to provide opportunities to local students until the current fund has been depleted, at which time the program will be concluded. Discussion took place as to which summer concert should be eliminated, with consensus that the Shakespeare, which is the most expensive concert would be best to eliminate. Other creative ways to fund the summer concert series were discussed for future consideration. Chapin recommended that the EAC increase the allocation to tourism promotion grants awarded to local arts organizations to promote activities that attract tourists. Commissioners discussed supporting the Edmonds Parks and Recreation Outdoor Summer Cinema in 2013, contributing to the licensing fees for the programming. Chapin reported that the \$4,000 allocated to EAC from the lodging tax for advertising programs will be used primarily for the CRAZE this year, but in 2013 part of it will be needed for WOTS. MONFORT moved to approve the preliminary 2013 draft budget. RATHVON seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED. The commissioners discussed allocation of funds for public art projects in 2013, including proposed sites at the 5 Corners Roundabout and the Edmonds Senior Center. Commissioners expressed concerns about both proposed sites. The Senior Center Site being facing the train track is a key site for cultural tourism promotion and although there are concerns about the building's future, commissioners felt the project should not be delayed. They discussed ideas for the roundabout that would create a vertical element, but would be integrated with landscaping and lighting and recommended that the budget not exceed \$15,000-20,000 for the site. The 5 Corners location does meet one of the PA Plan goals to add more art elements outside the bowl area.

D. Advocacy & Community Involvement

- I. Chamber Arts and Culture Committee** – Saether reported on the proposed Chamber event to acknowledge outstanding supporters of the arts in the Edmonds community. The event date has been proposed for March 21, 2013, and is to be held at the Edmonds Conference Center during the Third Thursday Art Walk. A draft process was been created by Chapin and Johnston for selecting recipients of the awards, including four categories of acknowledgment.
- 2. Student Representation** – Chapin reported that the City Council approved student representation on Boards and Commissions. Chapin encouraged Commissioners to have future discussion on what roles a student representative could play on the Arts Commission and what potential benefits the student and Commission could derive from the partnership.

E. Cultural Destination

- I. Kiosk** – Chapin reported on the tourism kiosk located near the ferry holding lanes at the waterfront. Chapin requested the commissioners think about new ideas for potential content and possible new site locations.
- 2. State Route 99 Enhancements** – Chapin reported that the construction contract has been approved by the Edmonds City Council and construction is scheduled to begin in early September and conclude late fall 2012.

STAFF REPORT –emailed to commissioners.

OTHER BUSINESS – none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Altaeus Woodwind Quintet will perform at the Ballard Locks on Aug 19, at 2:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM