



MINUTES

July 1, 2013

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

City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department

PRESENT:

Lois Rathvon, Chair

Joanne Otness

Beverly Shaw-Starkovich

Samantha Saether

Marni Muir

Todd Timmcke

Courtney Gu, Student Rep

STAFF

Frances Chapin

AUDIENCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Lois Rathvon, Chair
Suzy Maloney was excused for work.

INTRODUCTIONS – None

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES – None

MINUTES – May 6, 2013 minutes – Otness **MOVED**, Timmcke **SECONDED**, Approved.

REPORTS

A. Creative Programs

1. **WOTS Report** – Otness reported that the revised, shorter, brochure is ready to go to the printer and that it has been posted online today. Registration online opens on July 22.
2. **Concerts** – Rathvon discussed the concerts in the park schedule and Commissioners finalized signups for specific dates. A final version will be emailed out after City Council completes their signups. Rathvon reviewed the information on Commissioner responsibilities for each concert and reviewed the welcome script. Commissioners are responsible for finding a replacement if for any reason they are unable to attend the concert.
3. **Arts Summit** – Rathvon thanked Chapin for her work on the event. A total of about 200 people attended. All of the Commissioners except Timmcke who was attending Bassoon Camp were at the Arts Summit and Chapin thanked them for their many contributions to making it a great day. Commissioners commented on the program, complimenting Cocker for the layout and attractiveness of the piece. They also commented on each of the breakout sessions and on the facilitated groups they attended. They observed that people were eager to talk, but many of the comments and ideas are the same or similar to ones heard at the Strategic Plan meetings and during the last Cultural Plan process. The focus tended to be on individual interests and less on the bigger picture. The comment was made that the Summit was a great opportunity to share all those specific ideas and the upcoming work on the Cultural Plan can build on this and try to get at the bigger strategies and the vision for what our community looks like in the future. Chapin said there will be a follow up survey and she hopes to have enough funding to engage Claudia Bach to help with formulating the survey questions and other follow up to the Summit. Bach is subcontracting on the Cultural Plan but the Summit funds included some allocation for follow up which is separate from the Cultural Plan contract. Commissioners concurred that this would be a good approach and encouraged Chapin to contract with Bach if she has time available.
4. **Cultural Planning Update** – Commissioners brainstormed ideas for member of the Advisory Committees for both the Cultural Plan and the Parks Plan. Muir and Rathvon both

expressed interest in being on the Parks group and Saether and Muir expressed interest in the Cultural Plan group. Other community members were also suggested.

5. **Fall Hekinan Delegation** – Muir confirmed that the Arts Commission reception will be at her house on Saturday Nov 2. The Cultural Fair will be Wed Oct 30 so Commissioners should attend if possible.

B. Capital Projects

1. **Five Corners Roundabout Project** – Chapin and Muir reported that three artists were selected to create site specific designs: Julie Berger, Stuart Nakamura, and Chris Rench. Chapin encouraged all Commissioners to attend the public meeting when the three proposals are reviewed at 5 or 5:30 PM on July 25 in the Plaza Room. The Committee recommendation will come to the Arts Commission at the August 5 meeting and the EAC makes a recommendation to the City Council.
2. **State Route 99 Enhancements** – Chapin reported that the project is substantially complete, only waiting for some replacement parts for the banners. A dedication may be planned for September.

C. Funding & Administration

STAFF REPORT – Chapin mentioned that publicity about the new art enhanced flower basket poles has not gone out, but two more were commemorated. She explained the difference between commemorating the pole for \$2000 for 20 years with a permanent plaque and the seasonal support of the flower basket itself for \$100 for the summer. The keynote at the Arts Summit commented on the poles in his talk and when she gave him a tour of Edmonds the night before he noted the poles as something unique but much in keeping with the authentic identity of the town. He also described a program called front porch concerts which is the kind of smaller scale arts activity that can work well in a town like Edmonds. Chapin added that she has attended a few meetings about a process called the Story of Place and she has invited Carol Sanford to give a presentation on Story of Place at the August meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS – Muir mentioned that she is working on coordinating an exhibit of Northwest School artists including Morris Graves who used to have a studio in Seaview. Rathvon and Gu will both be gone for the August meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:31 PM