



## MINUTES

**May 6, 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  
Samantha Saether  
Suzy Maloney

Todd Timmcke  
Beverly Shaw-Starkovich  
Courtney Gu, Student Rep

STAFF  
Frances Chapin

AUDIENCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Lois Rathvon, Chair  
Joanne Otness and Marni Muir excused for travel.

INTRODUCTIONS – None

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES – None

MINUTES – April 1, 2013 minutes –Saether **MOVED**, Timmcke **SECONDED**, Approved.

### REPORTS

#### A. Creative Programs

1. **WOTS Report** – Chapin reported that presenter applications have been reviewed and the schedule will be set at the next meeting. Keynote Ben Percy's new book has come out to good reviews.
2. **Best Book Poster Contest** – Rathvon reported on the good turnout for the event and the excellent presentation by author Bonny Becker. Shaw and Otness hung the exhibit and Saether and Otness returned the posters not selected to the schools. Chapin thanked everyone for their help and Gu, Rathvon, Saether, Shaw-Starkovich and Muir for attending and helping with the reception along with Cocker who provided needed technical support. It was commented that some of the attendees had not previously been to the Library or the Frances Anderson Center.
3. **Concerts** – Rathvon handed out the schedules which include the new concerts at the Hazel Miller Plaza and Chapin noted that commissioners should contact her if they have preferred dates for the City Park Concerts and if they are able to host any of the Hazel Miller concerts. The schedule will be discussed at the June meeting and forwarded to City Council for their signups.
4. **Cultural Planning / Arts Summit** – Chapin reported that MIG has been selected to work on the updates for the Parks Plan and the Community Cultural Plan. Otness participated on the consultant selection committee. MIG will probably also work with a local arts consultant for the Cultural Plan. Planning for the Arts Summit continues and Chapin outlined the basic program for the day and asked Commissioners for their assistance with messaging and their thoughts on what should happen during the facilitated sessions in the afternoon and a number of suggestions were made. Outcomes were discussed, with agreement on the importance of people making a commitment to move the process forward. Comments were also made about the name and structure of the short sessions, and emphasizing the need to keep things lively during the day-long event. Several suggestions were made for local performers. It was also suggested that a tweet campaign might get people excited about attending but a volunteer would need to take that on. Chapin asked Commissioners to personally invite people they

think should attend the event. An email will go out this week. She also asked for Commissioners to volunteer at and attend the event if possible. Gu volunteered to help with registration.

5. **Scholarships** – Rathvon presented information on the recommendations from the committee. Otness, Rathvon and Timmcke reviewed the applications but Otness was unable to attend the interviews due to illness. Gu attended the interviews. Rathvon noted that the three applicants were excellent, but the theater and vocal applicants had the clearest goals for a career in the arts. The committee recommended that scholarship awards be \$600 for S. Bennett in literary, \$1700 for M. Voli in theater, and \$1700 for T. Zickefoose in vocal music. Maloney **MOVED**, Shaw-Starkovich **SECONDED**, Motion Approved. Discussion followed regarding the fact that the program has been discontinued so this is the last year of scholarships. Commissioners concurred that it was not the best role for EAC and encouraged individuals to support other organizations that provide scholarships. If available the students awarded scholarships this year will be presented at City Council on May 21.
6. **Exhibits** – Shaw-Starkovich reported that Willadene Torbenson, the artist on exhibit in the Library, will be giving a demonstration for all ages of her unique sculptural painting technique on May 16, 5 – 7 pm.

## **B. Capital Projects**

1. **Five Corners Roundabout Project** – Chapin reported that the Request for Qualifications was sent out regionally and nationally for NW artists. She has received few inquiries. This may be due to the small budget. The due date for submissions is May 20.
2. **State Route 99 Enhancements, Main Street Project, Flower Poles** – Chapin reported that the concrete work for SR 99 is underway with completion estimated in late June. All but two of the remaining flower pole artworks have been installed on new poles and a press release will go out soon regarding commemorative opportunities. Five of the 22 now installed have already been commemorated.

## **C. Funding & Administration**

STAFF REPORT – Chapin reported on the Story of Place concept that has been presented as a way communities work with a pre-process to planning and branding.

OTHER BUSINESS – None

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM**