



MINUTES

September 9, 2013

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

City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department

PRESENT:

Todd Timmcke, ViceChair	Samantha Saether	STAFF	AUDIENCE
Joanne Otness	Marni Muir	Frances Chapin	
Beverly Shaw-Starkovich	Courtney Gu		
Suzy Maloney			

ABSENT

Lois Rathvon - Excused

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Todd Timmcke, Vice-Chair

INTRODUCTIONS –

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES – Add discussion of potential presentation to 1.2 Concerts.

MINUTES – Aug 5, 2013 minutes – Muir **MOVED**, Otness **SECONDED**, Approved.

REPORTS

A. Creative Programs

1. **WOTS Report** – Otness reported that registration is full. A total of about 280 are registered over the 3 days which is our maximum. Commissioners reviewed volunteer signups and Otness asked them to consider if they would be available to assist with clean up after the conference on Sunday. Chapin added that new instructions will be provided that are specifically task oriented to make it easier for people to participate efficiently in the post conference cleanup.
2. **Concerts** – Timmcke reported that the 7 Concerts in the Park had a total audience of over 2,250 people, with Shakespeare attracting the most. Concerts averaged about 320 people. Suggestions included traditional jazz, bagpipes, bluegrass and big band. Chapin explained that an effort is made not to book the same group two years in a row in order to have more variety. The Hazel Miller Plaza concerts were well attended for the most part, over 350 attending the six noon concerts (avg 60) and about 250 attending the six 5 pm concerts (avg 40). The last concert was rained out although the musicians played as long as possible. Comments about concerts included requests that they be longer, 1 1/2 to 2 hours, and that the HMP concerts be on Fridays, not just Tues and Thurs.
3. **On The Fence** – Timmcke asked commissioners to consider the proposal for temporary artwork on the City fence to the south of the ArtWorks parking lot. Chapin explained that we have had three projects to date and she hopes to see more proposals in the future. The small stipend was discussed. Muir suggested advertising the opportunity through artists Facebook and websites. Maloney **MOVED** that Sarah Ruether’s proposal for a temporary project be approved with the stipend increased to \$300 to help cover the cost of supplies and Shaw Starkovich **SECONDED**, Motion approved.
4. **Arts & Humanities Month** – Timmcke stated that the annual Arts and Humanities month proclamation at City Council will be on Tuesday October 15th at 7 pm. He urged commissioners to

attend. Shaw and Maloney are unavailable that night. Chapin added that the Friends of the Library proclamation will be the same evening.

B. Capital Projects

1. **Five Corners Roundabout Project** – Timmcke reported that the artwork was approved at City Council. Chapin added that the artist, CJ Rench, will be meeting with the engineers and landscape designers at the end of the month to coordinate efforts. He is working on a redesign of the cable element and will also provide ideas for possible elements to be added to the sidewalk edge.
2. **State Route 99 Enhancements** – Chapin reported that the project is still waiting for some replacement banners arms but a dedication date has been set for Oct 10 at 11 am. Muir will explore possibilities for some Chinese drumming at the dedication.

C. Funding & Administration

1. **2014 Budget** – Chapin reviewed the budget and commissioners discussed WOTS revenues, special projects, contributions and decreased staffing. Chapin noted that a Decision package has been submitted for \$15,000 of general fund support to be used for contracted assistance with programs which would enable the Arts office to provide more follow up on the strategic plan actions and updated Cultural Plan among other things. Currently there is no opportunity to restore the cuts to staffing for an Arts Assistant position, although the office administration position now held by Sarah Cocker is assigned to work half time on the WOTS conference and other arts. Commissioners noted that they would like to see this position restored. Maloney MOVED and Otness SECONDED that the 2014 budget be approved with corrections. Approved.
2. **Student Rep Term** – Timmcke explained that with the delays in getting applications for the first year of the student representative Courtney Gu has only served a relatively short time and is interested in serving longer. Commissioners and staff complimented Courtney for her exceptional service, above and beyond expectations, volunteering at the Best Book, the Arts Summit, Summer concerts, and helping with the Intercept and agreeing to participate in the cultural planning process. Muir encouraged her to also look for ways to engage other people in her age group. Muir MOVED and Shaw SECONDED a motion to extend Courtney Gu's term for the remainder of this school year. Approved.

STAFF REPORT – No additions.

OTHER BUSINESS – Shaw Starkovich reported on participating in an artist demonstration on the Bainbridge ferry and said the response was underwhelming. Shaw and Saether noted that demonstrations on the waterfront in Edmonds this summer have been quite successful.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM