



MINUTES

April 2, 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
Suzy Maloney	Todd Timmcke	Frances Chapin	
Samantha Saether			

ABSENT: Lois Rathvon, Vice-Chair, Mary Monfort – excused for travel

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Joanne Otness, Vice-Chair.

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Saether **MOVED**, Timmcke **SECONDED** that the March 5, 2012 Minutes be approved as submitted.
MOTION CARRIED.

Saether **MOVED**, Shaw-Starkovich **SECONDED** that the March 24, 2012 Retreat Minutes be approved as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES – Addition of Art Exchange for Japan, Committee Appointments, and Code of Ethics.

AUDIENCE – None

PROGRAM REPORTS

A. Youth Arts Education

1. **Best Book Poster Contest** –The date for the reception is May 17 at 6:00 PM. Commissioners are asked to be there at 5:45. Commissioners can review assignments in the February minutes.

B. Creative Programming – Program

1. **WOTS Report** – Otness reported that the next meeting is April 15. More proposals have come in. Deadline for proposals is April 6. The committee is excellent.
2. **EPIC literary series** – Chapin said that three local authors presented and engaged attendees with exercises at the last event. Upcoming sessions will include a workshop on poetry. EPIC events take place the second Thursday of each month.
3. **Scholarship committee recommendation** – Timmcke reported that the committee (Timmcke, Monfort, Rathvon, and local singer/teacher Rosa Duarte) auditioned two candidates: Nathaniel Hendrix and Evan DeVries. DeVries sang and played guitar, including one of his own compositions. He hopes to double major in music and prelaw. Hendrix performed a classical work on trumpet and sang two classical works accompanied by piano. He would like to study music in college and become a choral teacher. The committee thought both students were quite talented and well-poised. They were engaged when answering interview questions and thoughtful in their answers. The committee recommended that DeVries be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and Hendrix \$2,000. Saether **MOVED** and Maloney **SECONDED** to accept the recommendation of the committee. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **Cultural Heritage Tour (CHT).** Otness reported on artist's elements for the streetscape. Judith Caldwell indicated she would be interested in becoming involved in the interview process and Chapin will contact her about using the \$3,500 allocated for that purpose.
5. **Art Exchange with Japan.** Chapin explained that she had been contacted about having an art exchange between artists in our area and in Manno, Japan. Two-dimensional paintings would be started by one group and completed by the other. The EAC was contacted to see if they would be interested in providing funding and finding participants. Discussion involved what would be the benefit for the EAC, how to ship the works, who should pay, where the works would be exhibited, who would participate, and what to do with the works after the exchange. Chapin will find out more about the project.

C. Creative Programming: Funding/Administration

1. **Strategic Plan Revisions** – Chapin explained the revisions and modifications to the plan and distributed the edited and amended copy. Maloney MOVED, Saether SECONDED to accept the Strategic Plan as revised. MOTION CARRIED.
2. **Committee Assignments** – Chapin distributed the Committee Assignment List for 2012–2013. She asked that Commissioners review the list, identify interests, and express to her what areas you would like to be involved. Some projects have regular commissioners assigned, but others are filled as needed.
3. **Code of Ethics.** Every year the Commission is asked to read and sign the Code of Ethics. The code was passed around and Commissioners present signed.

D. Advocacy & Community Involvement

1. **Citywide Strategic Plan** – An Open House will take place on May 3. Chapin will distribute more information as it becomes available.

E. Cultural Destination

1. **State Route 99 Enhancements, OMT, Interurban Updates** – Chapin reported on State Route 99: construction is planned to start in July and finish by October. Bids are scheduled to open April 24. The project involves 14 cobra-head poles with 7 having Asian-style lanterns light elements. All 14 would have banners. Additionally, the island on the west side of the street will have a sculptural pole piece with decorative concrete. Up to five pedestrian lights would lead to the BooHan shopping center. OMT: Chapin worked with Miller regarding design for the railing, and with Hestekind on the fountain progress.

STAFF REPORT – Handout, no questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 PM