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February 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:

Lois Rathvon, Vice-Chair
Suzy Maloney
Mary Monfort
Samantha Saether

Todd Timmcke

STAFF
Frances Chapin

AUDIENCE

ABSENT: Joanne Otness (excused for travel)

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

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Saether MOVED, Monfort SECONDED the January 9, 2012 Minutes be approved as corrected. MOTION CARRIED.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES – None

AUDIENCE – None

PROGRAM REPORTS

A. Youth Arts Education

1. **College Place Middle School workshop** – Rathvon reported that Carly Althausser plans to schedule another workshop in April/May.
2. **Best Book Poster Contest** – This will be the first year the contest is presented in May instead of November. The date for the reception is May 17 at 6:00 PM. Six areas were identified where Commissioners' help was needed:
 1. Picking up posters at the eight schools — Saether and Monfort offered to do this during the first week of May.
 2. Judging, one commissioner needed — Rathvon would serve as judge.
 3. Documenting the posters in a spreadsheet — Timmcke offered to do this.
 4. Mounting of posters — Chapin will send an email asking for volunteers closer to the date.
 5. Reception — all Commissioners, if they are available, are asked to come at 5:45 to serve as greeters and take care of other duties as needed.
 6. Returning posters to the schools — Saether and Monfort will take care of this.

B. Creative Programming – Program

1. **WOTS Report** – Chapin reported that the first meeting of the steering committee scheduled for January was cancelled due to the snow. The next meeting will be February 27. Not very many proposals for workshops have been received. The new microphones and amps were tested. Rick Steves has agreed to present a session on travel writing.
2. **Concerts – Sponsorships** – The letters to Lynnwood Honda and Acura of Lynnwood were prepared and will be mailed this week. Chapin asked for someone to do a follow-up after the car dealerships have received the letters. Monfort volunteered and would bring Rathvon along. Commissioners were asked to think about expanding sponsorships as a topic for the retreat. Chapin announced the lineup of

performers for summer 2012: the Duwamish Dixieland Jazz Band, Show Brazil, Twelfth Night by the Seattle Shakespeare Company/Wooden O, David Corea, Tingstad and Rumbel, The Moodswings, Adrian Xavier, and the Ballard Sedentary Sousa Band.

- 3. EPIC literary series** – Chapin said the first event was well-attended. The next event is scheduled for February 9 and features Clayton Heller from Sketchfest with a presentation on comedy writing. The March 8 event features readings by local poets, and April features a poetry workshop.

C. Creative Programming: Funding/Administration

- 1. Nominations Internal** – Interviews were conducted with the three candidates for the Visual Arts opening on the Arts Commission. The candidates were Mary Anderson, Beverly Shaw-Starkovich, and David Varnau. Monfort explained what went into the committee's decision to recommend Beverly Shaw-Starkovich. All of the candidates were seen as equally capable of serving on the commission, but Shaw-Starkovich was seen as fulfilling the commission's needs best at this particular time. She would be able to step into the position and take over former Commissioner Harold's responsibilities quickly, reliably/enthusiastically, and competently. Shaw-Starkovich is a painter, a member of Women Painters of Washington, a past-president of Gallery North, and has been extensively involved in visual arts. Monfort MOVED, Maloney SECONDED to recommend Shaw-Starkovich for appointment to the Edmonds Arts Commission by the Mayor and City Council. MOTION CARRIED. Chapin will arrange for an interview with the Mayor.
- 2. Retreat – Date and Agenda** – The annual retreat will be March 24 from 9:00 to 3:00 in the Brackett Room at City Hall. Commissioners were asked to think about what were the most important items for the agenda taking into account the Commission's strategic plan, goals, and priorities. The agenda will be discussed at the March EAC meeting.

D. Advocacy & Community Involvement

- 1. Arts & Heritage Day, February 1, 2012, Olympia** – Chapin and Joe McIlwain attended this event to encourage lawmakers to support funding for the arts. Chapin explained the importance of programs such as building for the arts and the motion picture competitiveness program. She presented legislators with EAFF posters and copies of Althausen's class thank you note to stress the value of arts education.
- 2. Strategic Plan** – Several Commissioners attended the recent stakeholders meetings. Saether explained what happened at the meeting she attended. Her takeaway was that there is so much happening in Edmonds regarding arts and that there should be constant cross-communication and knowledge exchange with arts groups and the community. Rathvon said she enjoyed putting names with faces but felt there was little sense of direction.

E. Cultural Destination

- 1. State Route 99 Enhancements, OMT, Interurban Updates** – State Route 99: looking at advertising in March, construction in the summer, and dedication at the end of summer. Old Milltown: pouring of planters was proceeding and the plaza project may be completed by late March or April. Interurban: concrete was poured for the plaza area, bike lanes painted, terrazzo bench is being fabricated. The project is expected to be finished possibly in April.

STAFF REPORT – Verbal, no questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:22 PM