

LAKE STEVENS ARTS COMMISSION (LSAC)

Meeting Minutes: August 23, 2017

Visitor Information Center

10020 Lundein Parkway, Lake Stevens

CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Steven Apodaca, Kathy Kruse, Holly Forbis, Linda Ehmen

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Bridget Scott

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilman Todd Welch, Jim Haugen, Parks & Recreation Coordinator; Beth Braun, Communications Coordinator, Kathy Pugh, Deputy City Clerk, Terry Myer, Lake Stevens Chamber of Commerce, Tim McLaughlin, Naomi Juker, Lake Stevens Artist Guild

Excused Absence: Moved by Commissioner Kruse, seconded by Commissioner Ehmen, to excuse Commissioner Scott from the meeting. On vote the motion carried (4-0-0-1).

Appointment of Officers: Moved by Commissioner Kruse, seconded by Commissioner Forbis, to elect Commissioner Ehmen as Vice President. On vote the motion carried (4-0-0-1).

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Commissioner Forbis, seconded by Commissioner Kruse, to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2017 meeting as presented. On vote the motion carried (4-0-0-1).

Guest Business:

Tim McLaughlin proposed that the Tulalip Indian Tribe be more involved with music and art in Lake Stevens events, specifically including traditional music and songs. Discussion ensued and there was general agreement that this is a good suggestion.

Kathy Pugh reviewed that the Arts Commissioners are appointed in an advisory capacity to the City Council, but that the City recognizes they have moved beyond that original definition. She commented there is discussion about updating the municipal code to more accurately reflect what the Arts Commission does.

Councilmember Welch elaborated that as the Commission's activities and role in the City change and increase, that Council may need to re-evaluate how better to support the Commission, including possibly greater employee support at Arts Commission-sponsored events.

Beth Braun reviewed possible ways the Arts Commission could have a greater presence on the City's web page. Discussion ensued and a request was made that the public have a way to email

the Arts Commission from the web page. Also discussed are ways that the Arts Commission could reach the broader community via the City's web page.

Community Garden Shed Art: There was discussion about painting murals on the tool shed, and that perhaps this could be sponsored. Terry and Linda will meet to discuss the possibilities and report back.

Discussion/Action Items:

Movies at the Park: The first movie event, "Princess Bride", was reviewed and it was noted the movie was well attended. Things that will be carried over to the next movie include the trivia game, popcorn and cotton candy, which will be bagged this time so it can be placed at both sides of the audience for distribution. There was discussion regarding what time to begin the next movie, "Moana", with general agreement that 8:45 p.m. is a good start time given the earlier sunset. Realtor John L. Scott is hiring an actress who will come as Moana and hand out leis and be available for pictures.

Shakespeare at the Park: This event was discussed and suggestions for future theater include moving the event to Eagle Ridge Park, which might be a better venue, and exploring different types of theater that might be better suited to the audience. It was also discussed that it was difficult to hear the actors.

Permanent Storage for Arts Commission Equipment. Tabled.

New Event Discussion: Linda, Steve and Kathy will meet to discuss possible new events and bring back ideas to the commission. Linda has been doing research and is in favor of an event that highlights the community's history.

Arts Rotation: Commissioner Ehmen said the last Arts Rotation is ending after Labor Day. She does not support continuing with an Arts Rotation program as she believes there are other organizations in the community that could better support this program.

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Forbis, seconded by Commissioner Kruse, to terminate the Arts Rotation Program.

Discussion ensued as to whether the program should be suspended rather than terminated, and it was explained that if the program is suspended it does not have to be carried forward as an agenda item at each meeting.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Ehmen, seconded by Commissioner Kruse, to change the word "terminate" to "suspend" in the main motion. On vote the motion to amend carried (4-0-0-1).

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: On vote the main motion, as amended, to suspend the Arts Rotation Program, carried (4-0-0-1).

Subcommittee Reports: None.

Commissioner Reports: None.

New Business:

New Events: There was discussion about possibly sponsoring a fall event; however, the general consensus was that there is not enough time to bring a fall event forward. Commissioner Ehmen supports a longer weekend event which would integrate Native American culture and lumber industry and suggested it might be coordinated with the re-opening of North Cove Park. It was suggested that a 19th Century baking perspective could be added to this event.

2018 Budget: Commissioner Apodaca distributed an updated budget that was given to Jim Haugen to be included as part of the budget discussion.

Adjourn: Moved by Commissioner Forbis, seconded by Commissioner Ehmen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. On vote the motion carried (4-0-0-1).



Holly Forbis
Interim Arts Commission Secretary