

ARTS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2019
1812 Main Street, Lake Stevens

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Linda Ehmen, Jim Haugen and Daniel Johnson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Bridget Scott, Kate MacKenzie and Laura Katz

OTHERS PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Coordinator Jill Meis and City Clerk Kathy Pugh

Chair Ehmen called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call: Commissioners Linda Ehmen, Jim Haugen and Daniel Johnson were present. Due to lack of a quorum roll was not taken.

Commissioners determined to discuss agenda items recognizing that no action could be taken.

Approval of Agenda: No action due to lack of a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: No action due to lack of a quorum.

Guest Business: None.

Discussion/Action Items:

Pavilion Art Work: Coordinator Meis updated on the status of this art work and commented the project is moving along and it will be necessary to continue forward with this project. Subcommittee members Linda Ehmen and Daniel Johnson discussed scheduling a meeting of the subcommittee, and Commissioner Jim Haugen will sit in on the subcommittee until such time as Commissioner Katz is ready to resume her role on the subcommittee following the birth of her baby.

Lake Stevens Concert Band: Commissioner Haugen briefly summarized that he has been in touch with the Marysville orchestra and learned that it is comprised of members from a wide area including members from Lake Stevens. The band practices weekly. There was additional discussion that most community bands are part of a nonprofit organization, and there was consensus to revisit this idea later.

Joint Meeting with Council and Park Board December 10, 2019: Coordinator Meis reminded of the joint meeting with the City Council and Park Board on December 10 at 6:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for the Arts Commission to put forth the proposed work plan for 2020, which Council approves. Discussion ensued as to what will be included in the work plan including Music by the Lake dates of July 12 and August 2, Movies in the Park dates of August 14 and 28 and Theater in the Park dates of August 16 and 30. Additionally the commission plans to put forward a spring event around the middle of March after the Pavilion is completed. Possible themes for Music by the Lake are a western them and a local musician's theme. Commissioner Ehmen commented that country music ranked high in an interest survey that was recently completed.

Standing Committee Reports:

Music by the Lake: No discussion other than as above.

Movies in the Park: No discussion other than as above.

Theater in the Park: No discussion other than as above.

Marketing/Promotional: No discussion other than as above.

Community Outreach: No discussion other than as above.

2020 Art Award: Commissioner Ehmen said that Kate MacKenzie is joining the Arts and Parks Foundation. She added that the Foundation will fund a 2020 art award in the amount of \$500. Clerk Pugh cautioned about inadvertently creating a quorum of the Arts Commission on the Foundation and reminded that the 2020 Art Award is a Foundation project; the Arts Commission's only role will be in evaluating submittals and making a recommendation to the Foundation. Commissioners indicated they are aware of this change in process.

New Projects: Commissioner Haugen shared an idea through the Lake Stevens Education Foundation, "The Lake Creates," and an idea for a contest, "Look Within". The Lake Creates has an event in April, and Commissioner Haugen said the Foundation would like the Arts Commission to assist with putting this event on. He next explained the Look Within contest, which the Foundation promotes annually. It is too late for participating this year and Commissioner Haugen encouraged this would be a great event for the Commission to be involved with next year.

Special Committee Reports:

Winterfest: Commissioner Haugen said that everything is moving forward and the site plan is set. He has been in touch with Steve Apodaca to help with sound. Coordinator Meis provided an update on the new location and said there will be lights, a tree, the Grimm House will be open, there will also be a food truck, snow machine and Santa Clause with an escort from Car 54 with the Police and Fire Chiefs. Commissioner Haugen will reach out to Commissioner Scott on the idea for Santa letters. Also, the Evergreen Community Orchestra will be performing.

New Business:

2020 Bloomberg Philanthropies Asphalt Art Initiative: Coordinator Meis briefly reviewed that this is an opportunity to apply for grant funding for temporary asphalt art which can take many forms. This was briefly discussed and will be added to the January agenda for discussion by the full commission.

Coordinator Meis reviewed a program, Rainworks, through Lake Stevens School District that consists of hydrophobic patterns being applied to concrete. The patterns are visible when the pavement is wet. High school students are involved with this and will be invited to a future meeting to share their ideas.

Adjourn: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Kathy Pugh, City Clerk