



ARTS COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 13, 2014

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Chair, Paulette Bufano at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center.

Roll Call

Members Present: Paulette Bufano, Karen Kaser, Mireya Lewin, An Tootill and Suzanne Zahniser.
Absent: Linda Iwanyk and Anna Gordon.

City Council:

Council Member Jane Meyer Brahm.

Staff:

Diane Mortenson & Eileen Hemmis Trifts

Appearances:

There were no appearances.

Approval of Minutes

Karen Kaser motioned for approval of the July 09, 2014 regular meeting minutes. Motion was seconded and passed.

Chair Report:

Chair, Paulette Bufano

Paulette reported that Susan Szafir has resigned from the Arts Council, but would like to continue as the liaison to Island Books. Paulette indicated that Anna Gordon has accepted the Literary Chair position, and Susan will report to her with regard to Island Books/Arts Council events. Anna has also volunteered to be the 4Culture Liaison for the Arts Council.

Paulette reported that Erin Vivian, who attended the July meeting as an observer, has submitted an application to join the Arts Council.

Paulette asked if there were updates on the "Uncorked" event. City Council Member Jane Brahm, who is working closely with the Chamber of Commerce on this event, distributed printed cards advertising the event and ticket sales. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce and on eventbrite.com. Jane stated that she is working with Karen Kaser to secure two bands. The Arts Council will have a 10' x 10' tent at the event. Jane suggested that the Arts Council plan to display a banner. It was agreed that the Arts Council will take this opportunity to demonstrate STQRY. Also that QR codes be attached to several sculptures and that they be added to the STQRY website if they are not already there. These can be temporary for the purpose of the demonstration. It was further agreed that this will be a good opportunity to recruit new members for the Arts Council and distribute information about the Classics on Film.

Mireya Lewin agreed to cover the tent from 6-7 pm. An Tootill will take the 7-8 pm shift. Paulette will contact other Council members to schedule them as well. Mireya agreed to assist with uploading the program to phones as needed.

Suzanne Zahniser suggested that Mercer Island Center for the Arts to have a tent as well. She agreed to contact Terry Moreman at the Chamber to see if this is a possibility.

Paulette reported that Sound Transit has not yet chosen an artist, and the selection has been put off until the first week of September. Mireya agreed to be the Arts Council representative to the selection committee.

Literary:

Anna Gordon, Chair

No Report

It was noted that the "Boys in the Boat" event being held at Island Books has been rescheduled from 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Mostly Music in the Park (MMIP)

Karen Kaser, Chair

Karen did not have a report, but wanted to remind everyone that the committee will be using a new process for selection next year.

Gallery:

Linda Iwanyk, Chair

Juried Art Exhibit - Suzanne Zahniser

Suzanne reported that the Juried Art Show reception and awards ceremony was very successful. Jurist Paula Stokes presented the awards to the winners with a rather large crowd looking on. She credited former Arts Council Member Sandy Glass for helping her with the show. She also mentioned that Ellen Hochberg suggested that in order to keep the show exciting, a new jurist should be considered for next year's show.

Public Art

An Tootill, Chair

No report.

Community Relations:

Chair, Vacant

No Report

Staff Report

Diane Mortenson

Diane reported that Kenton Pies is on Mercer Island putting a protective coating on the Dragon today. The tennis wall mural art is scheduled to start soon, and will be finished by mid to end September. She confirmed that there are two 1% for the art projects included in the budget that is being submitted - the Mosaic and the West Mercer onramp.

There was some discussion on budget preparation difficulty within the time frame given and the lack of reference. There was a request for budget expenditure updates at each meeting in the future to help put things into perspective. Diane agreed and indicated that she will pass the request along to Amber.

General Business:

Mercer Island Center for the Arts: Suzanne Zahniser reported that Louise Kincaid has been named as Executive Director for the Mercer Island Center for the Arts. At her suggestion, the Arts Council agreed that she should be invited to the September Arts Council meeting. Paulette will extend an invitation.

Art In Cities: Suzanne shared an NPR article about the importance of the role of art in keeping urban areas vibrant as the population expands and urban areas become denser. She will send everyone the article link, and suggested the Arts Council consider brainstorming this topic at their October retreat. Mireya reminded the council about 4Culture's resources and suggested keeping them in mind during discussions. Karen indicated an interest in developing and encouraging the use of existing public spaces in the downtown area, and would like to include discussion on ways to accomplish this.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Paulette Bufano, Chair

Attest:

Eileen Hemmis Trifts, Scribe