

City of St. Helens
Arts & Cultural Commission
Minutes from Thursday, February 05, 2015
City Council Chambers

Members Present

Kannikar Petersen, Chair
Joan Youngberg
Diane Dillard
Kevin Chavez, Vice Chair
Rosemary Imhof
X Austin

Members Absent

Luanne Kreutzer

Guests

Councilors in Attendance

Ginny Carlson

Staff Present

Jennifer Johnson, Secretary
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Liz Esposito, Main Street Program Coordinator
Chris Finks, Tourism Director



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Kannikar Petersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

VISITORS

There was one visitor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 28, 2014

Motion: Commissioner Dillard moved to approve the minutes for October 28, 2014. Vice Chair Chavez seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carries.

FISCAL REPORT

The Commission reviewed the fiscal report. Petersen summarized the report for new Commissioner Austin.

TOURISIM DIRECTOR CHRIS FINKS

Thanked the Commission for their participation and collaboration with Tourism events. He mentioned there will be restructuring of the Tourism Committee.

Finks would like the Commission to consider working with the Shoestring Community Players to put on a haunted house as a fundraising event.

BEFORE I DIE

Mainstreet Program Coordinator Liz Esposito gave a presentation in hopes that the Arts and Cultural Commission would fund the Before I Die Wall project. She would like to put the wall up in the Court House Plaza June through August. The Commission discussed the budget for this project. Commissioner Austin commented that he thought the wall was hideous. Commissioner Imhof thought it was a great way for the community to express themselves and engage.

Motion: Commissioner Youngberg moved to support the Before I Die Wall Project through SHEDCO as a sponsor. The Commission would want to be identified on all press releases and on the wall. They would like an active role in deciding what the questions on the board will be. The Commission will reimburse SHEDCO on an ongoing basis up to the amount of \$753.63. Commissioner Imhof seconded. All in favor; Commissioner Austin opposed; motion carries.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASS

Councilor Carlson offered her assistance to help bring back the arts and crafts classes. Jeffries mentioned there is interest in a mosaic class and a puppetry class. There is a group that will offer the class free of charge. The Commission would need to pay for accommodations for the instructors. The Commission would like to hold these classes in late April. The mosaic class will possibly be held in the Council Chambers and the puppetry in the auditorium at the Library. Jeffries will get more information on the costs. The Commission has \$1250.00 budgeted for arts and crafts classes that has not been spent.

Motion: Commissioner Dillard moved to hold classes on April 16th, 17th, 23rd, and 24th. The Commission will sponsor the classes up to \$875.00. Commissioner Youngberg seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carries.

Commissioner Youngberg volunteered to to help at the classes on April 16th and 17th. Commissioner Imhof volunteered to help on April 23rd and 24th.

Chair Petersen would like to hang the Arts and Cultural Commission banner at the events.

Discussion on the Council Chambers Wall was tabled.

2015 PROJECTS

Banner Project- Chair Petersen said there are two blank banners left. The poles would need to be purchased, constructed, and installed. The total cost for each pole is \$2000.00. The art for a two sided panel is \$1000.00. An RFP would be sent out. Total cost for each banner and pole is \$3000.00. The Commissioned decided to continue with the project.

Bike Rack Project- The Commission will continue this project.

Summer Arts in the Park- The Commission will continue this project. This includes the trash can painting project.

Gateway Project Phase II- The Commission will take a pause on this project.

Maintenance of Public Art- Will remain the same.

Free Arts and Crafts Workshop- Will remain the same.

Spirit of Halloweentown- The Commission will refine their part in the Spirit of Halloweentown at a later time.

The Commission discussed continuing on with the Gateway Project Phase II with more staff support from the City.

Motion: Commissioner Youngberg moved to recommend to City Council that the City dedicate staff time to the Arts and Cultural Commission to go out, find and write grants for the Gateway Project Phase 2. Commissioner Dillard seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carries.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion: Chair Petersen nominated Vice Chair Chavez for Chair of the Arts and Cultural Commission. Commissioner Youngberg seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carries.

Motion: Chair Petersen nominated Commissioner Dilliard for Vice Chair. Vice Chair Chavez seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carries

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 6 p.m.

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Submitted by:

Jennifer Johnson
Utility Billing Specialist

Present=P Absent=A

Date	Kreutzer	Petersen	Dillard	Youngberg	Imhof	Chavez	Austin
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