

City of St. Helens

Arts & Cultural Commission

Minutes

April 23, 2018

Members Present: Lisa Brooke
Leticia Juarez-Sisson
Patrick Nickelson
Jennifer Farrington, Chair

Members Absent: Janet Anderson
Kannikar Petersen
Kimberly O'Hanlon, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Susan Conn, Councilor

Others: Gea Belle
Don Barker

- 1) **Call Meeting to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Farrington.
- 2) **Welcome New ACC Member**
Chair Farrington introduced newly appointment Commissioner Patrick Nickelson. The Commission introduced themselves.
- 3) **Visitors Address the Commission**
Visitor Gea Belle advised they came to the meeting learn about what the Commission is working on.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes**
 - 5.A **3/27/18 Minutes**
Motion: Commissioner Sission moved to approve the March 27, 2018 minutes. Chair Farrington seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carries.
 - 5.B **4/11/18 Minutes**
Motion: Commissioner Sission moved to approve the April 11, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Nickelson seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carries.
- 6) **Review Fiscal Report**
 - 6.A Fiscal report up to April 2018
The Commission reviewed the fiscal report.
- 7) **Discussion Items**
 - 7.A **Blues & Folk Music Workshops Update: Total Sponsorships Received & Applicants Registered**

Commissioner Petersen submitted a Blues & Folk Music Workshop update via email that was included in the packet and displayed during the meeting.

Commissioner Sisson reported...

- She connected with the band teachers for St. Helens and Scappoose who have promoted the workshop with all of their students
- No registrations have been received yet
- Looking for additional sponsors and to share the workshop with others
- Sponsorship/Donations:
 - St. Helens Community Credit Union – denied
 - Wauna Federal Credit Union and Walmart Foundation are pending

Chair Farrington suggested having Communications Officer Crystal Farnsworth post the KOHL interview to Facebook and have the Commission share it to increase awareness and registrations.

7.B [Downtown Mural Project Update: Michael Curry Studios Tour & Portland Murals Tour](#)

Commissioner Brooke reported...

- There are 18 participants in grades 7 -12 from St. Helens and Scappoose High School
- They have met several times and most recently went on a field trip to Portland
 - Transportation was provided by CC Rider roundtrip who went out of their way helping plan the trip
 - TriMet also provided all day bus passes
- They met with several artists and founders of two different nonprofits for Portland street art and mural festivals
- A few weeks ago they went on a field trip to Michael Curry Designs Studio
- This Wednesday, April 25 they have a meeting to decide on their mural theme

7.C [Trash Can Painting Contest Update: Awards, Tasks, & Schedule](#)

Chair Farrington reported...

- In the agenda packet is a list of tasks for the trash can painting
- In the past, the Commission has received cans from Wilcox and Flegel and Michael Curry Designs Studio
- Chair Farrington will reach out to Michael Curry Designs Studio for a donation of new cans for this year
- The Commission has set a cap of 12 new cans every year and will retire the oldest cans
- Will no longer use anti-graffiti paint to allow the Commission to reuse oldest cans
- The subcommittee met to discuss award categories
 - Last year there was three award categories for \$150 each
 - Best Park Theme

- People's Choice
- Most Artistic
- Subcommittee is proposing changing the total award amount to \$500 from the budgeted \$450 and adding two categories for a total award amount of \$100 each
 - Add a Teen Award for ages 13-19 and a Family Award

The Commission has agreed to have five awards for a \$100 each in the following categories: Best Park Theme, Peoples Choice, Most Artistic, Teen Award and Family Award. Contestants can win multiple awards.

Commissioner Nickelson will create the new poster for this year and will work with Vice Chair O'Hanlon on the information for the poster and printing.

The Commission is really excited about the possibility of painting picnic tables but feel this year is a little too much for the 4th of July event. Chair Farrington will work with the Parks Commission to figure out the logistics.

7.D **County Fair Art Judging Update: Past Practices & New Ideas**

Commissioner Brooke reported..

- There had been a misunderstanding of the prior year's award amount of \$240; in prior years the Commission spent much less but the budget has been submitted and approved for \$240
- She submitted a document to the agenda packet using the budgeted amount of \$240 to create eight gift baskets as awards; the details are documented in the attachment on the agenda packet

Commissioner Nickelson will help judge the fair awards with Commissioner Brooke.

7.E **Early Learning Fair: Observations & Ideas for Next Year**

Commissioner Brooke reported it was initially her idea to participate in the Early Learning Fair but after speaking with members of the fair she found she was not prepared to attend this year. She would like to put something together for next year's fair such as a program for the parents and an age appropriate craft for the children.

Commissioner Nickelson and **Commissioner Sission** suggested next year the kids could create puppets and maybe putting on a play with them.

8) **Community News**

Library Director Jeffries reported the St. Helens Public Library is hosting Columbia County Reads on Thursday, April 26 at 7 p.m.

9) **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.