

# City of St. Helens

## Arts & Cultural Commission

Minutes

June 18, 2018

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**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  
Jamie Edwards, Secretary  
Keith Locke, Councilor  
Ginny Carlson, Councilor

**Others:** Shanna Duggan  
William Guilart  
Joan Youngberg  
St. Helens Youth Council

### 1) **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Farrington

### 2) **Visitors Address the Commission**

Visitor Shanna Duggan, the City of St. Helens Recreation Coordinator, shared the recreation program's list of events that the Commission may be interested in setting up Kindness Rocks at or This is Us painting events. Any classes or projects the Commission would like to host and have included in the fall calendar need to be submitted by July 15, 2018.

Visitor William Guilart, also known as Willow Bill, shared his website and news broadcast on willowbill.com Reindeer Art he does with the public making reindeer out of willow branches. He would like to bring this to St. Helens and asks the Commission to come up with the money. A week class runs about \$600.

### 3) **Review Fiscal Report**

#### 3.A Fiscal Report

The Commission reviewed the fiscal report.

### 4) **Discussion Items**

#### 4.A Flying Eagle Canoe Update: City Council Feedback, Project Needs & To-Do's

Councilor Keith Locke advised the City Council met about the canoe and the request to take it out on the river. The City has recently taken over the canoe and, in the past, Locke maintained it. Locke shared the history of the canoe. The Council is looking into having the waiver updated and adding insurance. The canoe also needs some repairs and updates with

marine oil. Councilor Locke suggested maybe the Commission take over the canoe. It's a beautiful piece of art that needs to be kept up and displayed. It's made from a cedar log that needs repairs and oil every year to two years

Commissioner Brooke reported she would like to follow the lead and guidance of the City Council for the canoe maintenance, events and requirements. Councilor Locke advised the Commission would make recommendation to the City Council on any repairs or maintainance that is needed, as well as events they would like to do with the canoe. The City Public Work Staff would complete the repairs and maintainance.

#### [4.B Blues & Folk Music Workshops Update: Project Needs & To-Dos](#)

Commissioner Sission reviewed the attached update on the Blues & Folk Music Workshop. Currently the Commission has 24 people signed up and the Commission received the \$500 Walmart Foundation grant.

#### [4.C Trash Can Painting Contest Update: chose designs, barrel priming party, Project Needs & To-Dos](#)

The Commission reviewed the seven applications submitted and approved them all. Secretary Jamie Edwards will notify applicants.

A priming party is scheduled for this Saturday at Library Director Margaret Jeffries' house at 9 a.m.; Jeffries advised the tops of the cans will need a protectant to prevent bag tearing.

#### [4.D County Fair Art Judging Update: Project Needs & To-Dos](#)

Commissioner Brooke inquired on how they will pay for the materials. They can make a list of items and have Secretary Jamie Edwards purchase them online with they City credit card. Otherwise items will have to be purchased out-of-pocket and receipts Submitted for reimbursement.

#### [4.E Kindness Rocks & Chalk Art: ACC/Playgroup?, Chalk Art @ 13 Nights?, Volunteer Outreach](#)

Chair Farrington advised the Kindness Rocks is going great but it's a lot of labor; in order to keep it interesting, Farrington suggested alternating the activity between Kindness Rocks and chalk art. Possibly, sectioning off little areas for people to make chalk art would be a good idea.

#### [4.F Recreation Activity Guide: Projects for Fall Issue, deadline: July 15, 2018](#)

Chair Farrington advised the Commission needs to make a list of projects they want included in the fall Recreation guide. Currently, the only projects that could be added are the pumpkin painting and the Library's book drop being painted.

#### [4.G Downtown Mural Project Update: Project Needs & To-Dos](#)

Commissioner Brooke reported they had to hold off on presenting the mural to the City Council and will reschedule for a later time. Brooke reported they are needing a lift or scaffolding.

**Motion:** Commissioner Brooke moved to recommend to Council to have Public Works help with the lift or scaffolding from August 6, 2018- August 12, 2018. Commissioner Sisson seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carries.

#### 4.H Subcommittee changes, updates

Commissioner Brooke requested to remove herself from the Mosaic Park Benches project. The Commission reviewed the current subcommittee elections.

#### 4.I This Is Us: Grant & Location Updates, request for financial support

Visitor Joan Youngberg with "This is Us" St. Helens reported they have hit 2,000 houses and is confident they will hit over 4,000 houses. Joan invites the Commission to her house to finish painting the final houses Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 7 p.m. They did not receive the second grant they were looking for so they are running a little short on funds to finish the project. The estimated cost needed is \$800. She is asking the Commission for a donation. Chair Farrington reported the Commission has budgeted funds to help support this community project for the 2018/2019 year. Farrington would like the Commission to financially support this project. Commissioner Brooke agreed.

**Motion:** Commissioner Sission moved the Commission support the "This Is Us" St. Helens project with up to \$800 in a reimbursement donation. Commissioner Nickelson seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carries.

Youngberg advised they need insurance to display the houses in the Rose Garden and thought that since it's a City project that maybe the City of St. Helens could provide the insurance. The ownership of the houses will belong to the Columbia Art Guild and St. Helens Arts & Cultural Commission.

#### 4.J Proposals:

##### ACC Youth Members, Joint ACC/Parks Subcommittee, ACC attendance @ Youth & Parks Commission meetings

Chair Farrington inquired on adding a high school student or Youth Council member to the Arts & Cultural Commission to increase youth involvement. Farrington thought it could be a senior project. Councilor Ginny Carlson reported the senior project ended this year. Farrington advised ideally the student involvement would be a one-year term. Councilor Keith Locke suggested starting by working with the Youth Council before adding a member specifically to the Arts & Cultural Commission.

#### 5) Community News

Commissioner Brooke reported the Columbia County Historic Museum has a walking art tour of the history of St. Helens. They have an app that can be downloaded.

Library Director Margaret Jeffries reported there are quarterly art shows that are put on by the Friends of the Library. This August they are featuring the Quilt Guild.

#### 6) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.