MINUTES OF THE PULLMAN ARTS COMMISSION JANUARY 11, 2011

ROLL CALL: A regular meeting of the Pullman Arts Commission was held on January 11, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room, City Hall, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

Pullman Arts Commission:

PRESENT	Lolly Owens	Commission Member
	Anna-Maria Shannon	Commission Member
	Pat Siler	Commission Member
	Rebecca Thorgaard	Commission Member
	Mike Yates	Commission Member
ABSENT	Kathleen Bodley	Commission Member

Call to Order: Chairperson Anna-Maria Shannon opened the regular meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Attendance 1. Karen Johnston, City of Pullman Aquatic Center, was present.

Minutes of December 14, 2010 2. Rebecca Thorgaard moved, Pat Siler seconded to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business 3.

New Entry to Pullman: Rebecca Thorgaard moved, Lolly Owens seconded to approve the Request for Council Action form for the New Entry to Pullman. This will go to City Council on January 18, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

Reaney Pool Mural: Anna-Maria Shannon announced that Tamara Helm would like to do a mural in the Aquatic Center. Anna-Maria Shannon asked how the Commission would like to move forward on this.

Karen Johnston was present and stated that she is flexible with the plans for painting the Aquatic Center. She explained the current theme and how it came to be. A family theme is okay or sea creatures, water, etc.

Lolly Owens stated she likes Patrick Siler's theme and asked if we could tie the Aquatic Center into his theme. Becky Thorgaard agreed with this idea. She stated she likes the idea of continuity. Anna-Maria Shannon stated she is open to a theme.

Karen Johnston stated she previously had an Aquatic Center member who wanted to do some painting for the Center. She wanted to trade her services for an Aquatic Center membership and the Aquatic Center could not do that. At that time they were looking at a panel system.

Anna-Maria Shannon stated that she and Karen Johnston would talk to Tammy Helm and see what they come up with.

Karen Johnston stated the current painting was done by staff or school projects.

Lolly Owens stated that Tammy Helm is a fine artist and she feels she will come up with a good idea. The Commission discussed the project. Karen Johnston stated there is space in the Aquatic Center for murals.

The consensus of the Commission was to contact Tammy Helm about the project.

Karen Johnston stated she would like to put a mural of a greyhound in the Aquatic Center. Anna-Maria Shannon stated that each school has a logo. The Commission discussed putting all the school logos up in the Aquatic Center.

Karen Johnston and Pat Siler discussed symbols. They also discussed possible options.

Anna-Maria Shannon stated that there had

previously been a conceptual drawing for Reaney Pool. We could do sections with different themes. Karen Johnston stated we could put the idea out to the schools. Anna-Marie Shannon stated they could do fish looking at everyone. They could paint the wall blue and have colorful fish watching the swimmers. They could have kids help paint it or contact the YMCA for painters.

Pat Siler asked about having a competition among middle school and high school kids. Anna-Maria Shannon stated that would work, but we would have to get the teachers involved. She asked who would do the judging. The Commission discussed holding a competition. Pat Siler volunteered to contact the schools and talk to them about the project to see if they would be interested. Karen Johnston stated she would love to see it become a community event and be at the middle school age.

Pat Siler stated that before he did his painting downtown, he called an organization in San Francisco about how to paint a mural and how to get a group of kids to paint a mural. The organization is called Precita Eyes.

Anna-Maria Shannon asked Karen Johnston if she wanted to hold a competition. Karen Johnston stated yes.

Anna-Maria Shannon asked Pat Siler if he would talk to the middle school art teacher. Pat Siler responded that he would.

Siler Mural Continuation

Anna-Maria Shannon stated that Pat Siler was almost done with the color version of his new project. The Committee needs to come up with a Request for Council Action Form for the project. The Committee went through the Request for Council Action Form.

Pat Siler discussed his project. He would

like to get the final drawing digitized.

Civic Trust

Becky Thorgaard gave an update on Richie Park. She stated they want the park to be a meeting place, not a sculpture garden. They are considering having a piece of art work for the park.

Mayor's Art Award

Lolly Owens stated that Mayor Johnson sent her an e-mail. He stated "I am not comfortable with moving the "art" award to cover architecture, green construction, green remodel or installation. There are plenty of other awards for those categories and art does not fit." He is thinking about putting this in the City goal process.

New Business 4.

Anna-Maria Shannon asked if there was any goal the Arts Commission would like to submit to City Council. Lolly Owens stated that on Anna Maria Island there is a community arts project. They took an area and made it attractive for artists to buy housing. They had a tax adjustment for artists. Some artists live on the second floor and have a shop downstairs. They had to agree to be there on Fridays and Saturdays to welcome people in and talk about art.

Becky Thorgaard asked about downtown buildings being used as studios or for art.

Lolly Owens stated she will bring info on this to the next meeting. It has become a tourist attraction. It is called "Village of the Arts" in Bradenton, Florida.

The Commission decided to enter a goal that City Council "continue to support the arts and the Pullman Arts Commission".

The Commission discussed individuals to replace Linda Hartford. Vicki Leeper was suggested as a possible candidate.

Lolly Owens stated she likes the idea of a business person on the Committee.

Adjournment Anna-Maria Shannon adjourned the meeting. The Commission adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Clerk