MINUTES OF THE PULLMAN ARTS COMMISSION FEBRUARY 8, 2011

ROLL CALL: A regular meeting of the Pullman Arts Commission was held on February 8, 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
	Rebecca Thorgaard	Commission Member
	Patrick Siler	Commission Member
	Mike Yates	Commission Member

ABSENT

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

Attendance 1. Also in attendance was Don Heil and Mary Carloye of the Pullman Civic Trust. They were present to give a progress report on an area on North Grand, now called Three Forks Wayside. Mary Carloye stated she is the chair of the committee to develop Three Forks Wayside. Vicki Leeper, Pullman Chamber of Commerce, was also present.

Minutes of January 11, 2011 — 2. Rebecca Thorgaard moved, Lolly Owens seconded to adopt the amended minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2010. The motion carried.

Old Business 3.

New Entry to Pullman — Anna-Maria Shannon discussed an article in The Daily News about the New Entry to Pullman. Mike Yates stated that most of the information is incorrect. The Commission discussed the editorial.

Mary Carloye asked what was incorrect in the

article. Mike Yates discussed the article. He stated that he is not going to respond to the article.

Anna-Maria Shannon asked how the presentation on the New Entry went at Council. Mike Yates stated that the concept was approved. The Council agreed with the three-phase plan. The first step is that Engineering will work to get the right-of-way documented. Cleaning up the area will be next. He stated that City Council was positive about the project.

Anna-Maria Shannon asked Mike Yates to inform the Civic Trust what the plans are for the Entryway. He stated he will make a presentation at a Civic Trust meeting.

Lolly Owens stated it is good that we are communicating with the Civic Trust.

Anna-Maria Shannon and Mike Yates discussed press releases. Mike and Anna-Maria will work on a press release for the Davis Way project.

Lolly Owens discussed the Village of the Arts in Bradenton, Florida. It is run by an Artists' Guild. The downtown business people started it.

Siler Mural Continuation

Anna-Maria Shannon stated that Pat Siler will be meeting with City Council tonight on the Siler Mural. Joanna Bailey, Neill Public Library, has a Friends Group who have a 501C. Pat Siler and Anna-Maria Shannon will meet with Joanna Bailey and discuss the 501C. She discussed a grant for both murals. Anna-Maria Shannon stated she would help get a grant, but cannot do all the work.

Mike Yates asked about the "Request for Council Action Form" on the Siler Mural. Anna-Maria Shannon summarized it for him. Mike Yates stated that the Council will ask how the project will be funded.

Pat Siler stated that the concept needs to be approved at this meeting and then go before City Council tonight.

Rebecca Thorgaard asked Pat Siler to present his mural to the Arts Commission. Pat Siler presented his mural to the Arts Commission. Lolly Owens stated it is a great picture.

Mike Yates suggested Pat Siler go to Council and show them the mural, but not to bring up the money angle right now. He wants them to adopt the proposal for the Pullman Arts Commission to start working on it. They know the history.

The Commission discussed the mural and City Council. The project has previously been approved by the City Council. The Commission is now asking to move forward with the project. Anna-Maria Shannon, Lolly Owens, and Rebecca Thorgaard all advised they would be attending tonight's Council meeting.

Mike Yates moved to send the mural concept to City Council. Becky Thorgaard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Anna-Maria Shannon advised that Reaney Pool was discussed at the last meeting. Pat Siler has talked to a middle school instructor. The teacher will talk to her students about creating a mural for Reaney Pool.

Civic Trust

Don Heil spoke about what the Civic Trust has been trying to do in the Trail Committee. The intent is to make certain there are things on the trail that make it worthwhile. First, they had to decide on a project and Richie Street realignment was the project. Don Heil presented a picture of the area for the Commission to look at. The Commission discussed the pictures. They discussed some of the plans. They talked about plantings and bicycle racks. The Civic Trust would like an info center with seats, flowers, maps, and information. They have a lot of

possibilities.

Mike Yates asked what prompted Don Heil to come to the Arts Commission. Don Heil stated they wanted to let the Arts Commission know what the plans are because the Arts Commission will have to approve them.

Mary Carloye stated that a Recreation Design class at WSU will present possibilities on how to enhance Three Forks Wayside. Mike Yates asked if this will be maintained by Parks and Rec. Mary Carloye stated that yes, Parks and Recreation will maintain it. She stated that bike racks have been designed and they have asked for a grant for the bench and bike racks. Anna-Maria Shannon stated she went to a Civic Trust meeting and it was a good meeting. She would like the Civic Trust to come to one of our meetings. She advised that the students will be presenting their designs on the 15th. There will be seven designs.

Mike Yates asked if the buildings are being used. He was advised that they are being used. He asked about cosmetic changes for the buildings. Don Heil stated that the siding of the buildings is non-usable. Mike Yates stated that there are ways to make the buildings look better. If Parks & Recreation plan to use the buildings, why not make the buildings better.

Mary Carloye stated that the Civic Trust wants a natural nature park. They do not want anything intrusive here. They would like to make it more visually pleasant and would like functional art.

Anna-Maria Shannon thanked Don Heil and Mary Carloye for attending the meeting.

Anna-Maria Shannon stated she had asked Vicki Leeper to attend this meeting. The Commission has two positions available.

Vicki Leeper stated that she feels that art

		and trails are important for the community.
Mayor's Art Award		Lolly Owens stated that the Mayor's Art Award is currently up to the Mayor and City Council.
New Business	4.	There was no new business.
Adjournment		The Commission was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Clerk