

MINUTES OF THE PULLMAN  
ARTS COMMISSION  
APRIL 12, 2011

ROLL CALL: A regular meeting of the Pullman Arts Commission was held on April 12, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room, City Hall, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

Pullman Arts Commission:

PRESENT	David Hoyt	Commission Member
	Vicki Leeper	Commission Member
	Anna-Maria Shannon	Commission Member
	Rebecca Thorgaard	Commission Member
	Patrick Siler	Commission Member
	Mike Yates	Commission Member

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

Attendance 1. Anna-Maria Shannon announced that Lolly Owens had resigned from the Arts Commission.

Rebecca Thorgaard stated that Lolly Owens' husband had just taken employment with the University of Southern Florida. They wanted him back and gave him a promotion.

Rebecca Thorgaard and the Commission welcomed Vicki Leeper as a new member.

Minutes of March 8, 2011 2. Mike Yates moved, Rebecca Thorgaard seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business 3.

New Entry to Pullman Mike Yates stated that he believes the site has been surveyed. He will check to verify this has occurred. He stated the weather is improving and hopefully they can get into the area to clean it up with Parks and Rec. He

will schedule a meeting with Alan Davis and will check with Mark Workman. He will also check with Community Action for permission to cleanup property that they own.

Mike Yates presented background information on this project for Vicki Leeper and David Hoyt. He explained the three phases that are planned for the project.

Pat Siler asked if there are any designs for the space yet. Mike Yates stated they do not have plans yet; they are still in phase I. He is hoping to be able to place plants on Community Action property. Completion of the survey is a big deal as it needs to be completed to define where the property line is.

Anna-Maria Shannon stated that Mike Yates is leading this project. The Arts Commission has two other projects, the Siler mural, and the Reaney Park mural on the old pump house. The design for the Reaney Park mural is coming from a Middle School class. When we receive the final version, she will bring it to this group then take it to City Council. The Siler Mural has been approved by City Council. Pat Siler is working with the owner of the building. They are applying for grants. Rebecca Thorgaard asked about State grants. Anna-Maria Shannon discussed grants for the two murals.

Pat Siler stated they are applying for grants. Moon Lee is the owner of the building and he will talk to her. She has someone interested in leasing the property. He does not know if there is a commitment to the project. He will talk to the people who want to lease the building.

Mike Yates stated this is a good problem, the more businesses the better.

Rebecca Thorgaard stated she watched students taking pictures next to the Siler Mural.

David Hoyt asked about a timeline for the second phase of artwork.

Pat Siler stated that he needs to find out as soon as possible if a business will be going into the building. He also needs to know if Moon Lee and the renter are behind this project. Mike Yates asked Pat Siler if he received a Letter of Understanding from Moon Lee on the last project. Mike Yates feels we should have a Letter of Understanding from Moon Lee before going any further with this project.

Anna-Maria Shannon stated she would talk to City Attorney Laura McAloon about this project. Mike Yates, Pat Siler, and Anna-Maria Shannon discussed this issue.

Reaney Pool  
Mural

Siler Mural  
Continuation

Civic Trust

Rebecca Thorgaard stated that \$1,500 had been obtained from the Rotary for benches, trash cans, and bike racks at the new park. The Trail Enhancement Committee asked that the berms be reshaped. The Rotary Club will ask for additional funding from the regional group.

David Hoyt stated that the bike racks and benches have been ordered from Correctional Industries. They are very reasonably priced.

Community Arts  
Liaison

Anna-Maria Shannon stated that this project can be put on next year's agenda. We need to consider how to have events. She stated that Cary Vielle will continue with the Downtown Art Walk. This is something to put into goals for 2012. We need more of a presence, we have great projects, but we do not have community face-to-face.

Fundraising  
Committee

Anna-Maria Shannon stated that INWCF has opportunity grants. We need to set projects and fundraising to put in goals for 2012.

Anna-Maria Shannon asked for ideas for 2012. She wants projects the Commission can do after approval by the City.

The Commission discussed having a brainstorming meeting. After discussion, it was decided that the June 14 meeting would be better for brainstorming. The Commission requested that it be put on the agenda that the June meeting will be a two-hour meeting.

Policies,  
Procedures, and  
Goals

- New Business 4. Anna-Maria Shannon talked about a grant she had applied for. It is called CVI, Creative Vitality Index, which addresses what the arts do for a community. The last time the CVI was done, only the WSU Museum and Spokane were included. Anna-Maria Shannon stated she has been talking to Kathy Burns in Moscow about how we get City Councils to acknowledge that arts are important to the cities. If we receive the CVI grant, the Pullman Arts Commission will receive \$1,000. It is for Southeastern Washington and parts of Idaho. It is working with all the arts commissions and cultural programs in the area. Ann McCormack from the Nez Perce Tribe is willing to participate. The \$1,000 grant is to form a local organization. Local communities will write down all events, arts, movies, etc. to show how much money is generated by these events back into the communities. They will compile information and send it to the State. The CVI will show what arts are doing for the cities. Mike Yates asked questions about the grant. He stated that with this grant we will find out what arts are going on in the communities. CVI will put a list together which can be used to get grants and take to the Cities.

David Hoyt asked if the artists would be both private and community. Anna-Maria Shannon responded in the affirmative. The Commission discussed arts. Anna-Maria Shannon stated the Museum of Art is on board. She will send out the grant to all members of this Commission.

Mike Yates suggested having an event at the BelleTower that has all the groups present. The arts/artists can tell what they are doing. They can share ideas. We could invite all the City officials. He stated that art-related events bring commerce to Pullman. We have to be able to say how businesses are brought to town. He discussed SEWEDA and their efforts to bring businesses to Pullman. He stated that small towns collectively pulling together have more power.

5:01 Vicki Leeper left the meeting.

Pat Siler asked if it was difficult finding a contact in outlying areas. Anna-Maria Shannon stated that so far she has a lot of names. Anna-Maria Shannon stated that there are a lot of small towns in the area that have festivals. We can also go outside our area. Pat Siler discussed musical artists from towns smaller than 500.

Rebecca Thorgaard stated the Arts Commission has another position to fill. The Commission discussed people who might be interested.

Mike Yates moved to approach Mayor Johnson about increasing the number of positions on the Board. David Hoyt seconded the motion.

David Hoyt suggested Heidi Jarvis, Suzanne St. Pierre, Scottie Thompson, Dave Jarvis, or Megan Oldenstate.

Rebecca Thorgaard stated that to put things into action will require a lot of work.

Mike Yates moved to amend the motion to add

two members to the arts commission for a total of nine. Pat Siler seconded. Mike Yates stated that we need enough people for all the projects. He stated that Heidi Jarvis has a strong background. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The Commission was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Clerk