# MINUTES OF THE PULLMAN ARTS COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

ROLL CALL: A regular meeting of the Pullman Arts Commission was held on September 13, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room, City Hall, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

Pullman Arts Commission:

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| Richard Berry | Commission Member |
| Vic Hudak | Commission Member |
| Vicki Leeper | Commission Member |
| Carl Mattoon | Commission Member |
| Patrick Siler | Commission Member |
| Mike Yates | Commission Member |

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| ABSENT | David Hoyt | Commission Member |
| | Anna-Maria Shannon | Commission Member |
| | John Rich | Commission Member |

Call to Order: Chairperson Mike Yates opened the regular meeting at 4:04 p.m. Temporary Library Services Manager Joanna Bailey was also present.

Attendance

1. Mike Yates had the Arts Commission members give background information on themselves. John Rich was unable to make this meeting, so Mike Yates gave a brief history on him.

   Vicky Leeper stated she works for the Chamber of Commerce and put on the Lentil Festival. She wants Pullman to grow with tourism and with art. She wants to promote this board.

   Mike Yates provided background on David Hoyt. He stated that David Hoyt is a graphic designer for the University. He is also an artist. He did a Lentil Festival design and was involved in the banners.

Mike Yates stated that Anna-Maria Shannon usually heads up these meetings and he usually handles interactions with the City.

Mike Yates presented his background. He stated he owns the BellTower and has several businesses downtown. He previously owned an art gallery. He joined this Commission about two-and-a-half years ago.

Mike Yates gave a brief history of the Commission. He stated that the purpose of bringing on two new members was to have a diverse group of people on the Commission. The Commission needs new skill sets. The goal of the Commission is to work and report to the City. The Commission has to present their desires to the City Council. He wants to be a liaison between the community and the City for art. He wants to create events and collaborate with the Chamber.

Patrick Siler stated he has been on this Commission for several years. He is an artist. He has lived in Pullman for 38 years. He formerly taught art at WSU. He is retired from teaching, but is active as an artist. He is still trying to determine what the Commission should be doing.

Vic Hudak stated he is a Pullman resident and took classes from Pat Siler. He is a business owner. He has owned Atom Heart Music since 2004. He has worked with Mike Yates.

Mike Yates stated that he wants a Committee that makes things happen.

Joanna Bailey stated she has been with the Library since 2001. She stated she is the Interim Library Manager. The Library was originally involved as the liaison for this Committee. The director left and it was temporarily given to the City Clerk's office. She will take minutes and act as liaison.

Richard Berry stated he was a long-time school

teacher in Pullman. He is now retired. He has ideas about cities and that they should be places where people get together. The arts should be involved. There seems to be a growth of night life in Pullman. Recent additions make for a better community. There are two live theaters in Pullman. Creative people are needed for cities to flourish.

Mike Yates stated this Commission is part of the City. We need to find ways to be a liaison, to facilitate between agencies and the City Council.

Carl Mattoon stated he has been in Pullman 20 years. He is an engineer at Schweitzer. He is also a musician. He has a "heart" for the arts. He is attracted to towns that have culture going on; towns with people gathering, talking, etc. attract him. He wants Pullman to be a City that has arts. He sings and plays the guitar. He plays in the group "We Are Not Brothers".

Mike Yates thanked the Commission.

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2. Pat Siler moved, Vicky Leeper seconded to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of June 14, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

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New Entry to Pullman

Mike Yates presented background on this project. He stated that Mayor Johnson originally said it would be nice to do something with this spot. The City Council has agreed that the Arts Commission can drive the project. There is an agreement between the Highway Dept. and City. Mike Yates feels the Committee needs to form a committee of people to complete the project. We need more than one person working on the project. The Committee can now work on strategies of how to work on projects. We need to get word out about projects.

Richard Berry stated he is not clear on what the Commission is trying to do at the Entryway site. Mike Yates discussed an article that ran in the *Daily News* about the project. The paper did not talk to anyone from the Arts Commission about the project before running the article. They said it was a horrible project. There is no City money in the project.

Richard Berry asked if the idea is to beautify the spot. Mike Yates stated the idea was to beautify the lot. The Committee would like to add shrubbery, clean it up, and put up a welcome sign. The concept is to possibly put up a small park. A small covered area is a possibility. They have discussed adding a gazebo. Patrick Siler and Mike Yates discussed the park. Mike Yates stated that the City Parks & Recreation Department would be involved in the project. They would like to put up a fence. Mike Yates stated the project would be done in phases.

Patrick Siler stated one of the main objectives could be to obtain art.

The Committee requested that the ordinance defining the Art Commission be sent to all members.

Mike Yates stated that the Committee can change the plans for the Entryway. Richard Berry stated that he can see where we would initiate the project. The Committee discussed a focus group for this project. The Arts Commission has to find a way to obtain funds.

Mike Yates stated the agenda has the list of projects. There are not defined roles within the Commission. He stated that Vicky Leeper is good at handling the press. They need someone to keep track of projects.

Mike Yates asked the Committee to think about the skill sets they have that would help. He stated that right now we need to take care of

current projects. We need to figure out how we will handle the projects we have.

Mike Yates stated that next year the Art Walk will probably be done by the Arts Commission with help from the Chamber. We will work with other groups and ask other groups for help. We need to establish a machine of how the Arts Commission will run and then do projects.

Reaney Pool Mural

Mike Yates gave the history of the Reaney Park Pool mural. The Pool wants a mural on the side of a building which is in back of the diving board. Middle school students designed a mural which will be painted next summer. Mike Yates stated that we need to see the artwork. Pat Siler stated that he will contact the class teacher and ask her to show the mural.

An update was given on the Siler mural. Pat Siler had to get City Council approval to get funding for mural. City Council gave permission, but the City did not provide money. WSU Museum gave $1,000 toward the mural.

Mike Yates stated that if someone wanted to donate art, it would come before the Arts Commission, and then go to City Council.

Pat Siler stated that originally he wanted to do a large painting on a building in Pullman. With the help of Anna-Maria Shannon, he was introduced to the building owner. He just wants to do art. Anna-Maria thought he should try to get funding. He is trying for September 17 to have this section completely done. There will be an opening around the 4th of October.

Civic Trust

Mike Yates stated that Ritchie Park is called Three Forks Wayside. The Arts Commission is not involved in this park. There will probably be sculptures purchased for this park. The Arts Commission might be involved in picking the sculptures. We should be involved

in the art.

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| Community Arts Liaison | Mike Yates stated that the idea was to have someone as a part-time paid position. This is a long-term goal. Anna-Maria Shannon has been trying to find ways to do this. |
| Fundraising Committee | Pat Siler left the meeting at 5:19 p.m.<br><br>Mike Yates gave background on the funding committee. The plan was to get money from building permits. A percentage of the building permit would go to the arts. It has been on the agenda and would be a consistent flow of money for the Arts Commission. He stated there is not a lot of money available at this time. The more businesses there are in the City, the more taxes there are. We need to come up with a strategy, plans, and a resulting benefit to the City so we can sell this to the City Council. We need to sell this idea. We need to paint a good picture of this so we gain support when we go to City Council. We need a plan to take to City Council.<br><br>Mike Yates stated that we need to research how other Art Commissions work.<br><br>Mike Yates suggested that the members consider what focus groups they may want to be on. This would be like the New Entryway, Percent for the Arts/Fundraising Committee, Goal Setting, and Marketing the Pullman Arts Commission.<br><br>Joanna Bailey asked if the Commission would be willing to meet in the Hecht Room at the Library. |
| Percent for the Arts | There was no discussion on this topic. |
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Chairperson

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