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RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

April 07, 2015

Renton City Hall, 7th Floor –Conference Center

Members Present:

Paul Hebron, Jerri Everett, Jaris English, Marsha Rollinger, Adrienne LaFaye, Kim Eshelman, Neil Sheesley, Mary Clymer, and Evelyn Reingold **Excused Absences:** Mitch Shepherd, Bill Huls, and Ben Andrews

Staff Present: Elizabeth Higgins, RMAC Staff Liaison and John Collum, Department of Community and Economic Development

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by RMAC Co-Chair, Marsha Rollinger at 4:35 pm.

Introduction of Guests: Dri Ralph, Facilities Design Coordinator for KCLS and Long Tran Filmmaker, Renton Ratchets Productions.

- **Downtown and Highlands Artwork** - Dri Ralph presented examples of the art work from the three artists commissioned to provide art for the Downtown and Highland libraries. The artists were selected by a Selection Committee comprised of KCLS employees, City of Renton employees and a member of the RMAC. **Downtown** - Benjamin Moore, Glass Artist, will create 30 works with a "Circle Theme" to be placed over the Children's area. **Highlands** - Ethan Murrow, Fine Artist will create large line drawings and Anna Fiddler, Fine Artist will create a large painting. The works will reflect a "Flight Theme". The KCLS art budget for Downtown was \$60,000 and \$70,000 for the Highlands.
- **Small Grant Award - Long Tran, Renton Ratchets Productions**, showed some clips from videos/films he made. Tran is a Renton High School student and film making is his passion. The \$500 Small Grant will allow him to buy camera and lighting equipment. Currently, his films/videos can be seen on YouTube under Renton Ratchet.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March 3, 2015 RMAC meeting were read and accepted as submitted. MSC (Paul/Mary)

New Business:

- **2015 RMAC Retreat Advance Planning** – Jay Covington, City of Renton Chief Administrative Officer will facilitate our retreat. It will be held from 4:00 – 7:00 pm on either 5/20 or 5/21. Location TBD. Discussion topics include: More community access to the IPAC; City financial support increase of RMAC; 1% for Arts revision; new arts and culture policies; Renton Municipal Code regarding art; and City advocacy for the arts.
- **Vacant RMAC Youth Position** – Some interest was expressed by an 11 year old author. It was MSC that the youth be given an interview for consideration. (Paul/Neil) Kim and Neil volunteered to do some outreach at local middle and high schools as well as colleges to get more youth interested in membership on the RMAC.

- **RMAC Facebook and Other social Media** – The City’s webpage has limited information about the RMAC. It was discussed that more options are needed for more viability. Elizabeth will check the process for updates and content with the designated staff.
- **RMAC Meeting Time** – The meetings start time of 4:30 pm is becoming difficult for several members. It was suggested that a later time be considered. Elizabeth will conduct an email poll to see if 5:00 or 5:30 would be better.

Old Business:

- **Downtown Public Library Art Relocation** – Jaris, Jerri, and Mitch met to discuss other options to the plan move the “Stiltwalker” sculpture near the front door of the new library entrance and its close proximity to “Homework Comes First” sculpture. They wrote a memo to Capital Project Coordinator, Todd Black with the RMAC concerns and recommendations: Art should be relevant to the new building and designed specifically for it, lighting is needed and a conduit should be installed during the construction, the “Stiltwalker” should remain in Liberty Park and be cleaned before re-installation. Finally, City administration should be approached to use 1% for Art funds for a new commissioned work for the new Downtown library.
- **Committee Reports:**
The on-line grant application for grants from the 4Culture award needs to be updated. Deadline for applications is end of May and awards are given in June. Elizabeth will do the update.
Renton River Days – RMAC has to decide if we want to participate this year. Discussion tabled.
- **Correspondence and announcements:** The correspondence and event folders were circulated for individual review.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- April 3-18, “Arcadia” Renton Civic Theatre, info contact (www.rentoncivictheatre.org)
- April 18-19, “Ugly Duckling” Storybook Theatre at the Carco Theatre (storybooktheatre.org)
- April 23, 6-7pm: Arts Unlimited monthly meeting Luther’s Table (419 S. Second St)
- April 24, 5:30- 8:30 am: “1920’s Sketch Night” Delancy’s on 3rd St, info contact (www.artsunlimited.org)
- April 28, 6:30 – 8:00 pm: Allied Arts monthly meeting Luther’s Table (419 S. Second St)
- May 1, 6:00- 9:00 pm: “An eruption of Art in Renton”, art events at many Renton Downtown locations (between Main & Whitworth on 2nd St and 3rd St) Arts Unlimited info contact (www.artsunlimited.org)
- Until June 7th : “Eloquent Objects: Georgia O’Keeffe and Still-life Art in New Mexico” Tacoma Art Museum (253-272- 4258)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Evelyn Reingold,
RMAC Secretary

Marsha Rollinger
RMAC Co-Chair