



MINUTES

December 3, 2012

The Edmonds Arts Commission: dedicated to the arts, an integral part of community life.

City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department

PRESENT:

Joanne Otness, Chair
Mary Monfort
Samantha Saether
Suzy Maloney

Lois Rathvon
Todd Timmcke
Beverly Shaw-Starkovich

STAFF
Frances Chapin
Sarah Cocker

AUDIENCE
Kristiana Johnson, City Council
Steve White

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Joanne Otness-Chair

MINUTES – RATHVON MOVED, MONFORT SECONDED that the November 5, 2012 minutes be approved as submitted. MOTION CARRIED.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES – D.2. Chamber Arts and Culture Awards added to the agenda.

INTRODUCTIONS: Steve White, an Edmonds resident and EAC applicant introduced himself noting long time interest in the arts and expressed desire to become more involved in local arts community. Kristiana Johnson, City Council member, introduced herself.

PROGRAM REPORTS

A. Youth Arts Education

- Contact for Middle School Program** – Otness reported that the EAC is still seeking a teacher from College Place Middle School to host the Middle School Program for 2013. Otness requested the commissioners assist in locating a new teacher to take over the literary workshop. Chapin will confirm funding from the Friends of the Library for the upcoming year and the new teacher for the program should be confirmed in January 2013.

B. Creative Programming: Programs

- WOTS Report** – Cocker, Chapin and Otness have discussed Keynote possibilities and will be contacting potential keynotes soon. Cocker reported that the WOTS website redesign is now complete and that periodic updates to the website will be more manageable with the redesign. Cocker reported that all interested WOTS Steering Committee members have confirmed participation for the 2013 WOTS and that all but two members will be returning. Because the Steering Committee accepted two new members prior to the 2012 conference, there are no openings on the Steering Committee, however new potential volunteer opportunities may be created for 2013.
- Concerts** – Otness reported the grant to expand the summer concerts to a total of 19 performances, by adding 12 at the Hazel Miller Plaza is still pending. Saether stepped down from the concert selection committee and Maloney volunteered to take her place. The committee will work with Lisa Palmatier, the concert coordinator, to develop a good mix of programming for the 2013 concerts. Budget cuts mean that there will be one less concert at City Park, reducing the series to seven total.
- Exhibit Schedule 2013** – Shaw-Starkovich and Chapin have finalized the 2013 Library Exhibit schedule, Shaw Starkovich distributed an updated schedule for the 2013 exhibits, along with photographs from the artists selected to show in the exhibits. Contracts for the 2013 Library Exhibits will be sent out in December.

4. **Public Art** – Saether and Timmcke reported that the flower pole artwork selection committee has reviewed the designs from the four selected artists for the project and that the artists are now in the process of fabricating their first pieces. The four pieces will be installed on Main St. once completed.

C. Creative Programming: Funding/Administration

1. **Nominating for EAC Chair** – Saether reported on behalf of the EAC 2013 Nominating Committee that Rathvon had been nominated for chair and Timmcke had been nominated as vice-chair. SHAW-STARKOVICH MOVED to accept the committee's nominations and elect Rathvon as chair and Timmcke as vice-chair. MALONEY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.
2. **EAC Nominations** – Otness reported that Monfort had stepped down from the EAC Nomination Committee and requested another commissioner to serve on the committee. Maloney volunteered to serve on the committee. The committee will meet in December to interview the three applicants and report back to the full commission in January. The Arts Commission will then recommend an applicant to Mayor Earling.
3. **Tourism Promotion Awards Review Committee** – Otness requested three volunteers to serve on the Tourism Promotion Awards Committee to review the grant applications for 2013. Rathvon, Shaw-Starkovich, and Otness volunteered to review the applications and the committee will meet to discuss potential grant recipients and the amount allocated to each organization before the January meeting
4. **Retreat Date** – Commissioners were asked to bring their schedules to EAC Meeting on January 7, to discuss the potential dates for the retreat this spring.
5. **Staffing Changes** – Chapin reported the Cultural Services Senior Office Assistant position has been cut from the 2013 budget and that Cocker will be transitioning into a new role as Administrative Assistant for the Parks and Recreation Department. The new position was created to serve as support for the director and three managers within the Parks and Recreation department, including processing all accounts payable and payroll for the department. The other primary function of the new position is to serve as staff support for the Write on the Sound Conference throughout the year.

D. Advocacy & Community Involvement

1. **EAC Student Representative** – Otness reported two applications have been received for the Student Representative position. Cocker shared the applications with the commissioners and reported that the recruitment of students through guidance counselors had been an effective strategy. Commissioners discussed the interview process for the two applicants and agreed the students should be interviewed at the January 7th EAC Meeting. The commissioners agreed one student should be selected for the position and that the other student should be offered other involvement opportunities with the EAC.
2. **Chamber Arts and Culture Awards** – Chapin reported that she will be talking about the Chamber Arts and Culture Awards at the Chamber Breakfast on December 4th. The Chamber Arts and Culture Awards application is now available online and all applications are due February 14. The reception, acknowledging the award recipients will be March 21 at the Edmonds Conference Center. Chapin commended the work of the Chamber Arts and Culture Committee for creating a way to highlight the value of the arts in generating economic activity in the local community. Saether also commented on the strong collaboration that has developed on the committee and the organic process that created the Chamber Arts and Culture Awards.

E. Cultural Destination

1. **State Route 99 Enhancements and the Main Street Project** – Chapin reported that the light poles have been installed on the northbound side of SR-99 and that the lanterns are scheduled to be installed next week. Southbound SR-99 will have 16' poles with pedestrian lights; the installation date will be determined by the weather. Chapin reported that the Main Street Project is near completion and that

the new Historic George Street inlays by artist Benson Shaw have been installed. The inlays are located at the new mid-block intersection and are designed with the Cedar Dreams inlays.

- 2. Cultural Heritage Tour** –Chapin reported that the CHT Committee, including City Councilmember Peterson, and representatives from the Historic Preservation Commission, approved the final designs for the project. The designs have been sent to the NPS for approval and once the designs have been approved the artist, Judith Caldwell, will begin fabrication of the panels.

STAFF REPORT – Emailed to commissioners.

OTHER BUSINESS – None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Monfort announced the new hardware store is open above the Hazel Miller Plaza. Timmcke reported on Rainbow City Orchestra's performance of Quodlibet: Music to Rejoice, Reflect, and Remember, a concert for World AIDS Day was held at the Edmond Center for the Arts and over 500 people were at the ECA for the event. The Esoterics were featured in the performance of "Quilt Panels."

Meeting Adjourned at 7:21 PM