



**MINUTES**

**July 2, 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	Beverly Shaw-Starkovich	STAFF	AUDIENCE
Mary Monfort	Todd Timmcke	Frances Chapin	None
Samantha Saether	Suzy Maloney	Sarah Cocker	

ABSENT: Lois Rathvon, excused for health reasons.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Joanne Otness-Chair

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Approval of the June 4, 2012, minutes was postponed until the August meeting.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES – None

**PROGRAM REPORTS**

A. Youth Arts Education

**1. Middle School Literary Workshop** – Chapin reported a teacher at College Place Middle School is interested in continuing the program for 2012-2013 academic year and that the Friends of the Edmonds Library is continuing support. Cocker will issue a press release to summarize the 2012 program and email a copy to commissioners.

B. Creative Programming – Program

- 1. WOTS Report** – Otness requested two commissioners to volunteer for the WOTS Reception on October 6. Maloney volunteered to co-chair the reception with Shaw-Starkovich. Cocker reported on updates to website and constant contact email to WOTS email list.
- 2. Concerts** – Otness distributed schedule for commissioners to review assigned host dates for summer concerts. Schedule was confirmed and instructions for hosting summer concerts were reviewed.
- 3. Public Art Donation** – Chapin reported that she is obtaining a value for the proposed glass art donation from the EAFF to the City of Edmonds. The EAC will move forward with making a recommendation to the Edmonds City Council and following a public hearing, the City Council would make the final approval of the donation.
- 4. Hazel Miller Plaza Mosaic, Flower pole sculptures** – Chapin reported on new flower pole designs proposed by artist Anna Sher and Rodman Miller. The first of three will be installed outside the Hazel Miller Plaza and the design is planned in coordination with the railing. MALONEY moved to proceed in contracting Anna Sher and Rodman Miller for the three new flower pole designs, pending staff approval. MONFORT seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED. A sample of the mosaic materials submitted by Rivenworks Mosaics for the South wall of the plaza was viewed by commissioners and discussed.
- 5. On the Fence Update** – Chapin reported that the date of the On the Fence installation by Dustin Whaley has been moved to July 5 and encouraged commissioners to attend installation to support the artist.

C. Creative Programming: Funding/Administration

1. **Budget Process 2013** – Chapin reminded the commissioners that the 2013 Budget process will be on the agenda in the next art's commission meeting and to be thinking of creative ways to minimize expenses and generate revenue during 2013.

D. Advocacy & Community Involvement

1. **Citywide Strategic Plan** – Chapin stated that individuals had been contacted for the random survey. Shaw-Starkovich reported her household had received a mailed survey.
2. **Chamber Arts & Culture Committee** – Saether reported on proposed Chamber event to acknowledge outstanding supporters of the arts in the Edmonds community, with the goal of creating new partnerships with local businesses and arts organizations. The event is proposed for October 25. Saether requested that the commissioners think about models for selecting recipients of the awards, including categories and selection process.
3. **Student Representation** – Chapin reported that the City Council is reviewing the idea of adding student representation to Boards and Commissions. Commissioners discussed what roles a student representative could play on the Arts Commission and what potential benefits the student and Commission could derive from the partnership.

E. Cultural Destination

1. **Snohomish County Branding Process** - Chapin reported Snohomish County is in the process of conducting a survey of local residents on the branding process. Suggestions were discussed about how a broad cross section of residents could be reached. Chapin also shared the Edmonds' advertisement in the Snohomish County Visitor's Guide.
2. **State Route 99 Enhancements** – Chapin reported that the construction contract for SR 99 project goes to the City Council Committee on July 10. Chapin reported that the project is scheduled to commence in late July or early August.

STAFF REPORT –emailed to commissioners.

OTHER BUSINESS – Monfort suggested new way finding signs off of I-5, to provide visitors with local lodging information and Chapin reported on Clifton's efforts in this area. Chapin reported to commissioners she was reviewing a grant possibility for way finding signs throughout the city.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Saether announced Arts Splash Event on July 19-20, 4-8pm and July, 21-22 10am-5pm Reception on July 20, 7-8 pm. 201 2nd Avenue, Edmonds.

Monfort announced Edmonds in Bloom Garden Tour, July 15 11 am-4 pm, featuring 6 Plein Air artists.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM**