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June 4, 2012

The Edmonds Arts Commission: dedicated to the arts, an integral part of community life.
City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department

PRESENT:

Lois Rathvon, Vice-Chair	Beverly Shaw-Starkovich	STAFF	AUDIENCE
Mary Monfort	Todd Timmcke	Frances Chapin	Janette Turner
Samantha Saether		Sarah Cocker	

ABSENT: Joanne Otness, Chair– excused for travel, Suzy Maloney, excused for business.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Lois Rathvon, Vice-Chair

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SAETHER MOVED, TIMMCKE SECONDED that the April 2, 2012 and May 7, 2012 Minutes be approved as submitted. MOTION CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION – Janette Turner, of EPIC and My Edmonds News

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES – MOTION for funding for the EPIC group for the 2013 Budget added to the agenda.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS – Turner proposed an idea for having a paper lantern event in downtown Edmonds that might connect with or highlight the Edmonds International District.

PROGRAM REPORTS

A. Youth Arts Education

1. **Middle School Literary Workshop** – Cocker reported on workshop at College Place Middle, instructed by Tikka Sears from Art Corps. Program synthesizes performing and literary art and also builds community and collaboration. The Friends of the Library are partners in funding this program. The commissioners agreed the Middle School Literary Workshop is the type of program the EAC should support in the future

B. Creative Programming – Program

1. **WOTS Report** –Chapin reported on the WOTS Ad in Writer’s Digest, and Save the Date postcard sent out to mailing list. All the contracts for the WOTS have been sent out to presenters, and work has started on the brochure which will be sent to print in late June. Cocker reported on Constant Contact email sent out to email list which was read by 450 recipients.
2. **Concerts** – Chapin distributed the schedule for the concert and sign-up sheet, and asked for a commissioner to host the concert on July 22nd, Rathvon volunteered. Posters and flyers were distributed to commissioners to post at local businesses.
3. **Public Art Donation** – Chapin read letter from the Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation offering donation of Dale Chihuly glass art to the City of Edmonds. Discussion took place about the value, insurance and continuing to have the piece displayed at the ECA. Moving forward, the process is that the EAC would make a recommendation to the Edmonds City Council and following a public hearing, the City Council would make the final approval of the donation. The group agreed that the pieces would make a good addition to the City of Edmonds public art collection and that the city can ensure long term

public access to the artwork. Saether recommended trying to gather more historical facts about the acquisition of the piece by EAFF in 1995. MONFORT moved that the EAC recommends to the City of Edmonds City Council to accept the donation of Dale Chihuly glass art from the EAFF. SHAW-STARKOVICH seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **EPIC literary series** – Janette Turner of Epic reported on the developments in the Epic literary series over the past year. Mimi Allen, the Poetess of Greenlake will present on June 17th at 6:00pm in the Edmonds Library. Chapin reported on the funding for Epic programs over the past year, and Turner confirmed that funds were only being used for presenter's fees, which have ranged from \$75-\$150. Funding for Epic is currently being provided by EAC, Friends of the Library and Swedish. SAETHER moved that we budget a minimum of \$300 for funding for EPIC in the EAC 2013 Budget. TIMMCKE seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.
5. **Hazel Miller Plaza Opening** – Chapin reported on the Hazel Miller Plaza, including planting perennials and annuals and progress on final elements including, the railing, historic sign and the wall mosaic. Commissioners are invited to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on June 12th at 3:00pm. Chapin briefly discussed ideas the commissioners and others have proposed for activities in this new park such as mini-concerts, and poetry readings. Activities in the park must be coordinated through the City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department.
6. **Visual Art: Workshop/On the Fence** – Commissioners reviewed and confirmed a possible day for the On the Fence installation, Saturday, July 14th, time is yet to be determined. Chapin has checked with Art Works schedule and there is no conflict.

C. Creative Programming: Funding/Administration

No agenda items.

D. Advocacy & Community Involvement

1. **Citywide Strategic Plan** – The group discussed the strategic planning process, frustration with the broad complexity of the plan was discussed. The consulting group will now begin surveying registered voters to gather feedback on plan priorities, prior to making final recommendations to the City of Edmonds.

E. Cultural Destination

1. **Advertising** - Chapin presented WOTS ad in Writer's Digest previously in meeting during report on WOTS.
2. **State Route 99 Enhancements, OMT, Interurban Updates** – Chapin reported on 99: cobra-head poles have been ordered and bids were opened, the contract will to City Council in July. Expected completion date is late October. The group discussed ideas for a dedication.

STAFF REPORT – Handout, no questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chapin requested volunteers to return Best Book Posters to local schools, Monfort and Saether volunteered.

Interurban dedication is scheduled for June 19, 2:00-3:00.

Monfort updated group on Edmonds in Bloom, and Plein Air artists participating.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 PM