

Cultural Council Minutes

November 19, 2008

Present: GG Getz, Linda Meuter, Tom Gant, Leah Klinger, Kathy Feek, Becca Singer, Robert Larson, Ellen Miller-Wolfe (staff), JJ Johnson (staff)

Absent: Jennifer Bushnell, Mary Jane Vinella, Boris Srdar, Amy Whittenberg, Mia Coolidge

Guests: Terry Coe, Ray Steiger

Eastside Arts Magazine

The Cultural Council heard a presentation from Terry Coe, City Arts Eastside Magazine, regarding the magazine. He mentioned that it was free and had three distribution points in Kirkland. We agreed to send the DVD to him and look into City Hall as a distribution point. We also asked him to contact staff for a further meeting regarding potential coordination.

Transit Center

Ray Steiger fielded input regarding the transformer box near the bears sculpture. There was a suggestion that the box be relocated so as not to impact the sculpture and also that it be painted or camouflaged. The thought was that the painting could set a standard for painting other transformer boxes around Kirkland.

Budget

Ellen updated the Cultural Council on the budget. In further Council discussion the \$2500 that had been cut from the annual budget had been restored. GG had written a letter vetted by staff and Leah. She also noted that Council had again asked about the status of consideration of a nonprofit for the Council. The Council has been advised that arts organizations had objected to the latter idea and also that sources for funding the arts are being considered in the strategic planning effort.

Cultural Council Positions

Regarding Cultural Council openings, Ellen agreed to send the Council the advertisement of the positions.

Public Art

Public art projects were discussed. Regarding the transit center project, Leah asked that nonglare finish be used at the library. Tom commented on the fencing and the use of rock instead of the proposed 'baby gate, diamond' fencing. The group suggested a mix of mesh and stone and a more organic look to the fencing.

Ray indicated that the Cultural Council would have an opportunity to participate in public art at the 116th bridge.

Art in Private Development

Regarding private art, the Council discussed the changes to art planned for Merrill Gardens. Location and the sturdiness of the piece (butterflies) were discussed. Bob explained the location might be changed from lake Street to the driveway corner.

Neighborhood Art

GG noted the Juanita banners project, a cooperative project of neighbors and Juanita high school and elementary school students.

The Council listed the following items for the next agenda:

- Draft of ad to be sent to members re recruitment of new members
- Members need to help in that recruitment
- Set meetings with arts organizations that are considering relocating outside of Kirkland after discussing with Jerry Allen