

Cultural Council Minutes

January 21, 2009

Present: GG Getz, Tom Gant, Leah Klinger, Kathy Feek, Robert Larson, Amy Whittenburg, Ellen Miller-Wolfe (staff), Julie Huffman (staff)

Absent: Jennifer Bushnell, Mary Jane Vinella, Boris Srdar, Linda Meuter, Amy Whittenberg, Mia Coolidge, Becca Singer,

Guests: Don Anderson (staff), Elsa Steele (Kirkland Library), Margit Moore (candidate), Cathy Heffron (candidate), Jeff Parks (candidate)

Cultural Council new positions & recruitment

Discussion regarding term limits for the board members and how to utilize prior board members. Board would like maximum term limits to be 8 years as other boards do, and uniform lengths of 4 years. Staff will discuss with City's attorneys and come to next meeting with a recommended resolution to bring to City Council.

Addition to agenda: Kirkland Library Redevelopment

Elsa Steele presented information on the redevelopment of the Kirkland Library. Library will be an additional 4k square feet, with several art features. Library will be temporarily housed in Park Place Books. Construction is projected to take one year. KCC would like to be involved in the final selection of the artist. Elsa will follow up with GG with information on that.

Public Art Projects Update

116th Street Bridge (over BNSF) Project:

Don Anderson (Public Works Staff) presented options for the 116th street bridge. One option is to continue the maple theme from the freeway sound walls. A similar concept is in Bellevue—the 10th Street Pedestrian bridge. A meeting of the Aesthetics committee is on Thursday February 26th at 4pm in Bellevue. Cultural Council is encouraged to attend.

Juanita Beach:

KCC and Parks board selected an artist for Phase I of the redevelopment of the Juanita Beach Park. Josh Wiener is from Colorado. The committee felt his work was very well suited for the location.

Annex:

GG explained the Annex art is in process.

Transit Center: no update

Retention Efforts to keep smaller art organizations in Kirkland

Ellen reported regarding a new program that the City has to retain small businesses in Kirkland. City funds a part time staff member through the Chamber whose sole job is

business retention. Many attempts were made to assist Studio East through that program. There may be a possibility to utilize warehouse space in Totem Lake. Kirkland Arts Center has also been working with Ellen. Kirkland Choral Society e-mailed Leah with their concerns—she will pass that information on to Ellen.

Ellen met with KAC/KAST and our public TV staff and will promote the studio tour on our city cable channel. Will discuss the studio artists as well as the agencies that support those artists.

Legislative Agenda

Council would like to support legislation that would support the KPC. Julie will send out e-mail of legislative agenda.

Art in Private Development Update

Merril Gardens: Developers have decided on the initial sculpture idea of the birdhouses. Bob will contact Hoa to get an updated image of the art piece.

Bank of America—Signal Box: Subcommittee will convene to discuss further ideas for the signal box and to give feedback on the plaza. First choice is to relocate the signal box; second choice is to decorate it in a way that is site specific. Committee will discuss further and then meet with the developers.

Park Place: Development passed but there could be additional delays.

McLeod: Art pieces were shown in the presentation to the DRB. Process is stalled at this point.

Strategic Plan Status

Julie reported that the next visit will be February 18th and 19th. Draft recommendations will be submitted prior to that. Jerry will attend the KCC meeting in February to discuss further the idea of extending terms and/or maintaining the history and expertise of members after their terms expire. Julie will send the draft out to all members when she receives it.

Budget Update

Julie reported that the cost of creating the DVD brochures will increase as we are no longer able to create a quality brochure on the city printer. Motion was made for Julie to investigate and find the lowest price/best quality option and spend a maximum of \$500.