

Cultural Council Minutes

October 21, 2009

Present: Amy Whittenburg, Kathy Feek, Jeff Parks, Leah Kliger, GG Getz, Margit Moore, Cathy Heffron, Bhaj Townsend, Bob Larson, Julie Huffman (staff), Ellen Miller-Wolfe (staff) with Guests Jerberco Arnold, Jen Pineda, and Mary Staab from Christ Church Kirkland

Absent: Gwen Zierdt

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

September minutes approved.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Community Arts Organization Guest

Community Arts Organization Christ Church Academy School of Prophetic Arts presented regarding its college curriculum at the School of Prophetic Arts. This is their first year, and they are hoping to apply for accreditation in 4 years. The school is looking for opportunities for outreach in the schools, and opportunities to perform. Council discussed several ideas.

Budget Update

Julie Huffman, staff, reported that there is \$1375 left of 4Culture funds, and staff is looking into utilizing that for a site specific performance at the tree lighting ceremony through 4Culture.

OLD BUSINESS

Recap of Community Collaboration Event

Council reviewed the highlights of the event. They estimated 50 people were in attendance, mostly from local arts organizations. Council members thought the event was a real success. Leah met with Dan Mayer from KPC and shared ideas, and suggested that a subcommittee could meet further with him.

Kirkland Arts, Culture and Heritage Listserv

Amy and Ellen summarized information they received from the City's Webmaster. The City is not able to do conversational listservs due to public disclosure and other issues. The City can house a listserv that pushes out information only. This would be done through a moderator. Branding the listserv as originating from the Cultural Council connects it directly to the City, and that leads to regulations that limit the options. Another option is to partner with a non-profit agency where regulations would be fewer. Amy questioned what was involved in managing a City version, and believes this question still needs to be answered for the subcommittee before they can decide whether to do the listserv at the City or separately. The subcommittee would like the neutrality that the Cultural Council provides by not partnering with a non-profit. Also, the branding would be lost if it was done by a non-profit. Eventually this could be connected to the foundation, and that would resolve some concerns.

Priorities for 2009-2010

Council held a discussion on how to get started with the Vision 2020 initiatives, and whether that starts in the subcommittee or with a brainstorm session with the whole council. The decision was made to focus on the initiatives at the next meeting, so that the Council as a whole can assist, and then transfer the majority of the work to the subcommittees. There are concerns about subcommittees meeting without staff input, and yet staff hours are limited. That limits the possibilities in terms of numbers of subcommittees that can meet. Council discussed how to increase communication between staff and

subcommittees since it is unlikely that staff can attend each meeting. Council was encouraged to write meeting minutes with key decisions being made, and if possible notify staff of subcommittee meetings so that input can be given ahead of time if necessary.

Council will focus on Community Collaboration, Underutilized Spaces, and the Foundation in the next year. Council can review the full list of strategic plan recommendations for the next meeting to review whether there are any others that need to be considered.

Foundation

GG, Julie and Ellen met to discuss the first steps in the foundation. They are creating a statement describing the foundation and getting the paperwork to start the 501c3. Kathy, Bob and Jeff will be on the Foundation subcommittee. \$500 will be needed to apply. A motion to reserve appropriate amount to apply to create a foundation made by GG and seconded by Kathy. Motion passed unanimously.

Space Revitalization

Kathy reported that there are 3 examples of this happening already with the Kirkland Art Center utilizing space at Park Place and artists getting together to rent space in downtown. She presented a list of people that could be helpful and gathered input from the group. She and Jeff will be meeting about this in the next few weeks. They are looking for input of who else could be helpful. This committee will also look into ArtSpace and live/work opportunities. The committee could use more information about vendors, and it was suggested they contact Mike Metteer.

Busking

Margit is planning to make some of the contacts previously discussed and will plan to work on this further as the weather improves next year. Margit will present further in January.

Sound Transit Groundbreaking

Kathy attended and reported on the ceremony, which offered many mentions of the art.

Cultural Council Recruitment

Leah would like to recruit a student member and one other. The Council currently has 10 members. Council discussed options and decided on opening 1 youth position and 2 additional positions.

NEW BUSINESS

City Arts Magazine Artist

City Arts Magazine is requesting that a Cultural Council recommend an artist to be featured in the magazine. Council discussed options for artists: Joanne Shellan (recommended by Leah), Katherine Wright (recommended by Kathy), and Carol Belval (recommended by GG). Julie will send out the 3 options with links to their work for the Council to vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Julie Huffman