

KCC Meeting Minutes: 2-21-07

Attendees: Kathy Page Feek, Linda Meuter, Mary Jane Vinella, G.G. Getz, Boris Srdar, Eric Synn, Leah Kliger

Additions to agenda: Geometric sculpture, Market Street Project, Redmond Public Art

Minute for the Arts: Eric presented information on a Korean Art Museum he visited

Uncorked: Sheila Cloney present from City Manager's Office. Discussed how Uncorked is taking advantage of the same weekend Summerfest occurred, as Summerfest decided not to proceed another year. Phil Meganhardt from Bold Hat Productions has a great reputation, initially said no, then called Sheila back with a proposal. He had paired with the Washington Wine Commission, who wanted an Eastside waterfront location for a wine festival. Having the WA Wine Commission involved is a privilege. WWC's focus is on the "millennia" (21-30 year olds), so rather than the typical \$60-\$90 entrance fees, this will be \$20 to attract a wider audience. City has given seed money that they expect to recoup by admissions to the wine garden.

The timeline this year is extremely short for a new event. March 15th is the deadline for an 8 page glossy program in Seattle Homes and Lifestyles magazine.

Map of the marina was shown, with public and wine garden areas outlined. There will be wine tasting, food sampling, a music stage, grilling demonstrations. Want to add Art to the event as well—likely will be in the wine garden area. G.G visualizes a mini art walk with walls for art to be displayed and lifestyle "vignettes" that show art with furniture. G.G. met with the Gallery Association, they would like to participate and encourage participants to visit the galleries. How can KCC assist them? They may need volunteers at the event to talk about the art. Need to assure the quality of the art in the public area. How do we do this? The public area will have a music stage hosted by the teen center, a family area with potato racing, and then Kirkland Avenue will feature "Artists in Action" done by the Kirkland Downtown Association (KDA), as they have in the past. Kathy expressed desire to change the perception of the event, to raise the quality of the art and the event over what Summerfest was. Is it possible to have the art juried? Sheila presented her ideas to the City Council this week and they expressed a desire to maintain the event as a public, community event and were concerned with how large the wine garden area was. Likely there will be citizens who come downtown expecting Summerfest, want to offer something to them for free when the City is closing down a public park. How do we include the Gallery Association and raise the quality of the event while also involving KDA, who has requested a permit from the City as they have in the past. A further meeting was scheduled to discuss this issue. G.G. also met with KAST who has agreed to do the "Fresh Air" art, which is what they are calling the plenair art to make it more accessible.

Neighborhood Art: Leah made a recommendation for Norkirk neighborhood, and they have chosen the Bienvenue Matador Sculpture. It is 9 feet tall, nonrepresentational. It is

\$9,000 including transportation and installation. Needs to go before the City Council with our recommendation. *KCC moves to approve the recommendation.* We hope for installation in Spring.

Redmond Public Art: There was an article in the Seattle Times calling for artists to submit proposals for picnic/play area. This is under their public percent for the arts program. Leah will send the link to the article so KCC can review further.

Cannery: Kathy and Linda looked at the Delridge center. Barbara and the artist walked through and will provide a sketch. Will brainstorm 3 people for a board to make the building sellable.

Geometric Sculpture: Jennifer will go view it this weekend at the City's maintenance center.

Market Street Project/Art in Private Development: There is an open house on March 1st that Kathy will attend. It is too far along to integrate art, they want sculpture. Kathy may utilize Leah's resources. When Bob returns a subcommittee will target projects in the City, the Heathman is likely the first of those.

Council Terms: Some KCC member terms are up, and they will need to again go before the City Council for reappointment. Bob's term as Chair is up. This will be discussed further in March.