

Kirkland Cultural Council

Action Minutes

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Bob Larson
Donna Porter
Sinclair Jones
Boris Srdar
Andrea Hanefeld
Lynn Stokesbary
Tracy Burrows

The group discussed the Recycled Art exhibit and thanked Donna for all her hard work on it. The opening reception is set for June 1 from 5:00 – 7:30 pm. The City is mailing approximately 600 invitations. The art work will be for sale at the opening and Cultural Council volunteers will be cashiers. We should have name tags for the Cultural Council members at the opening.

Lynn Stokesbary discussed a recent downtown revitalization conference he attended and distributed information on the role of the arts in economic development and integrating art into the downtown. He informed the group that he met with Bill Ballantine. Bill would like to sell his three sculptures Mt. Comrades, Close Quarters and Bounding Mule Deer in the near future. He is working with advisors to work out the process and timeframe. Lynn suggested that an independent appraisal of the works would be part of the process before the City would raise funds for the purchase of the works.

Carol Valenta of Sound Transit would like to work with the Cultural Council on how to use the \$200,000 in additional arts funding from the Sound Transit project. Kathy will contact Carol to set up a meeting to explore the options. The group's first choice was June 8 at 4:00 pm.

Kathy will check in with Luanne Erikson to see how we can help with the OPA activities.

Bob, Sinclair and Donna attended the workshop on the Lakeshore Plaza options. The Cultural Council would like to weigh in with a recommendation on the project. Staff will come back at the next meeting with more information about the process for the Plaza Project and when a recommendation from the Council would be timely.

Donna is working on lining up artists for the Wednesday Market. It was suggested that performance art works best in that venue. We have a budget of \$1000 to devote to the project.

The Blue Fish festival is June 12th. Andrea encouraged councilmembers to come and be docents for an hour that day or to help set up on the evening of the 11th.

Kathy reviewed the things that the Cultural Council would like to accomplish this year. The brochure is done. Public Art tours, the charm project, and fundraising for sculptures are upcoming. By the next joint meeting with the City Council, the Cultural Council should have a recommendation on the 501(c) 3. The joint meeting with the City Council needs to be scheduled.

Bob has received input on the docent script for a walking tour of 14 downtown sculptures. The next step is to have a run through—he'll email out a couple of proposed dates for a morning run-through with a breakfast celebrating Donna's successful recycled art show afterward.

Donna is sending out inquiries about possible sculptures for the City's vacant pedestals. Donna is also in contact with some artists interested in organizing a Home Garden Artist Tour and will determine if the Cultural Council can have a role in this project.

Tracy will get in touch with Quinn Elliott about coming to an upcoming meeting to talk about Summerfest.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM and members helped place the art exhibit labels.