

Cultural Council Minutes
April 19, 2006

Attendees:

GG Getz, Vice-Chair

Kathy Feek

Tom Gant

Sinclair Jones

Linda Meuter

Brent Sandona

Eric Synn

Tracy Burrows

Guest: Ray Steiger, Capital Projects Manager

GG Getz and Kathy Feek recently met with Gallery Association representatives. In light of discussions of the Vancouver Biennale, the Gallery Association expressed an interest in organizing a local sculpture exhibit. It was noted that the scope of the Biennale is broader than a local event. Also, the Gallery Association is not going forward with the Plein Air event this year. Kathy Feek will make contact with them to determine how to proceed.

Ray Steiger made a presentation on the Kirkland Transit Center. Integration of art in the project will start after the upcoming May 25th public workshop. Themes—it is a transit center (no cars); move all of transit operations north of Park Lane; have a significant median through the center of the roadway; expand the park (transit center is part of the park.) GG suggested that the Cultural Council should be a stakeholder in the process.

The group reviewed plans for discussions with various stakeholders about the future of the arts in Kirkland, including arts funding. This included review of the power point presentation that Bob Larson put together. There were some suggestions for modifications—GG will send out her list of suggested modifications to the Council members. The presentation to donors is scheduled for May 4th. Kathy is working with Bill Vadino to schedule a meeting with the business community. Bill Vadino suggested that the meeting should include tourism related businesses. Sinclair will work with Kathy on this to include KDL and the service clubs. Tom is working with the gallery owners to schedule a meeting. Eric is working on the neighborhood groups. GG requested that we have a handout for the meetings that gives background on the accomplishments of the Council. Eric proposed a signature event, such as a 12K run, that featured the public art sculptures in the community.

The Council agreed to give Donna a jewelry piece from the recycled art show.

Tracy will ask Maggie LeMoine from KAST how the Cultural Council can help with the show.

Tracy will organize a meeting with Bellevue and Redmond to move the Biennale project forward.

Tracy raised the issue of the interest in neighborhoods in including public art as part of their neighborhood connection projects. There are issues related to educating the neighborhood residents about the diversity of art and how this sculpture relates to the public art policy. GG, Bob, and Tom agreed to meet to develop a strategy for working with the neighborhoods.

Linda presented a summary of the cannery project, including a draft values statement for the project that emphasizes ecology, sustainability, and green building. The Cannery could be a building that communicates a community that cares about its ecologic future. Tom suggested talking to the tribes about funding for the cannery project. The Council discussed the format for the open house on June 1st.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.