

Cultural Council Meeting
Minutes
May 17, 2006

Attendees

Brent Sandona
Bob Larson
Mary Jane Vinella
Tom Gant
Jennifer Bushnell
GG Getz
Eric Synn
Leah Kliger
Tracy Burrows

Leah Kliger, candidate for the Cultural Council, introduced herself to the Council. She expressed an interest in enhancing the literary arts in Kirkland and in working with schools and senior center writing programs. The Cultural Council voted to approve Leah as a member of the Cultural Council.

The group discussed the stakeholder focus groups. The notes from the donor and gallery groups were distributed. There was an interest in having the developers of the Juanita Village project at the developer meeting. Tracy agreed to send postcards inviting the Rotary members to the June 5th business members meeting. GG will supply the addresses.

The Cultural Council recommended accepting the Gyro sculpture for placement at the Houghton Fire Station contingent upon a minimal cost of refurbishment and in coordination with the firefighters at Fire Station 22.

Bob explained that the Norkirk neighborhood is spending \$9,000 of its neighborhood connection funding for public art. The Cultural Council will work with the neighborhood to develop a selection process and will work with the galleries to solicit possible sculptures. Leah Kliger volunteered to take the lead in coordinating with the neighborhood. Tom, GG and Eric volunteered to help. Mary Jane suggested that the Cultural Council give the neighborhood a shape for the process for selecting the art. In particular, the neighborhood needs to empower a small number of people to make the selection decision. The subcommittee will meet to plan this coordination.

Bob recapped the progress made on the Biennale exhibit. The next step is to develop an initial proposal and meet with Redmond, Bellevue and possibly Issaquah to determine

how and whether to move forward. Mary Jane Vinella talked about how the library picked up the cost of transportation for the sculptures. Possible other partners are local trucking companies such as Freightliner and Paccar or Puget Sound Energy. There was a discussion of a possible partnership with other galleries.

Tracy gave a brief update of the Totem Lake Mall and Cannery Projects. The Totem Lake Mall project is on hold for now, but is likely to start up in the next few months. The Cannery open house for June 1st is coming along well. Tracy agreed to send an updated roster to the Cultural Council members.

GG suggested that the Cultural Council join ArtsEd and the Washington Arts Alliance. There was agreement to get additional information about the organizations out to the Cultural Council members. There was also an interest in discussing representation at 4Culture meetings and possible partnerships with the Kirkland Performance Center and other performing arts venues.