

**Kirkland Cultural Council Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2007**

Present: Julie Reynolds (staff), Tammy McCorkle (staff), Tracy Burrows (staff), G.G. Getz, Jennifer Bushnell, Linda Meuter, Boris Srdar, Tom Gant, Eric Synn, Kathy Feek, Bob Larson, Becca Singer, Leah Kliger, Mary Jane Vinella

Guest: Carolyn Butler, Duvall Cultural Commission

City of Duvall Strategic Plan

Carolyn presented the process that Duvall went through to create a strategic plan spending only \$12,000. She contrasted Duvall's process to Bellevue's, with a much larger population and a budget of \$112,000. Duvall's process included input from local artists, whereas Bellevue's process did not include input from arts groups. Bellevue adopted the strategic plan formally, whereas Duvall incorporated much of the arts plan into the economic development plan for adoption.

Carolyn recommended 3 key action items for our process:

1. lay appropriate groundwork with the Mayor and City Council so you have their solid support
2. be thoughtful in choosing a consultant
3. ensure the plan you create is a living document that assists with implementation

Materials provided with additional information.

Transit Center Update

Sound Transit will send an RFQ early next year for the downtown transit center. Boris wrote up a description that will be included in the RFQ that describes what we would like to see there. Do we want to explain in more detail or try to further influence what we would like to see in the plan (for example, landscaping rather than hardscapes)?

A KCC member will assist with the final selection process, once they have narrowed it down to 3 artists. Concerns were raised that we be in on the process earlier so we are not limited to 3.

Kathy will follow up with Boris regarding her concerns in this area.

Park Place Development

G.G. attended a meeting regarding Park Place and was pleased to hear that they are planning on integrating art. **A meeting will be scheduled with Doug Howe, the developer, to discuss this further.**

Bank of America/Merrill Gardens Development

Members of the KCC met with the developers again to provide ideas and recommendations for the plaza on Kirkland Avenue and for the sculpture at the driveway

entrance to Merrill Gardens. Tom expressed concern that the developers did not come away with a good feeling about the meeting. The group acknowledged that the process needs better structure. **Tracy will outline a structure for this process and we will try to better communicate to the developers and planners what our role is.**

Members who attended this meeting are encouraged to attend the January 7th meeting of the DRB where our recommendations will be discussed.

Howard Mandville Sculpture

Howard Mandville Gallery would like to put the Osborn sculpture out in front of the gallery. **KCC approves the placement of this sculpture.**