

## Cultural Council Meeting

### February 20, 2008

**Attendance:** Leah Kliger, Eric Synn, Tracy Burrows, Bob Larson, Boris Srdar, Kathy Feek, GG Getz, Julie Reynolds, Linda Meuter, Rebecca Singer, Mary Jane Vinella, Jennifer Bushnell

**Absent:** Mia Coolidge

**Visitors:** Chris Sharp – KAST, Larry McDaniel – Park Lane Gallery

#### **KAST**

Chris Sharp presented information on KAST, this year there are over 50 artists participating with 26 studios. The brochure will be the same as last year with some updates. The Artist's magazine is featuring KAST this year.

This year KAST would like to get the word out a bit more, specifically targeting outside of Kirkland as Kirkland residents seem to be well informed. There are 10,000 fliers being printed. The Fortune 5 (425?) magazine is adding info and doing an article this year.

KAST will be Sat/Sun May 10 & 11 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Rebecca Devre is setting up a pre-reception – pre-KAST preview party, still working on the date. For the month of May art will be displayed at KPC.

Brochures will be ready to go to print 1<sup>st</sup> week of March - **Need to get 4Culture added as sponsor**

Currently artists have donated \$5,000 and the Studio tour is short \$6,536? Still waiting on sponsor amounts from Tourism and Daniel ? Ideas generated to request sponsorship from Heathman, Carillon Point, Woodmark, Google.

Request was made to Cultural Council to sponsor the event again for 2008, CC will get back to KAST.

#### **20/20 Vision**

Update was given on strategic plan progress. Subcommittee reviewed a memo to City Council on the 20/20 Vision for the Arts and Culture. The memo will be presented to City Council at their March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to request an ok to use some of the \$50,000 for an Arts and Culture Strategic Plan lead by a consultant.

Ideas: include Seattle Times article as support for the urgency and need for a strategic plan now.

Look into how Tourism and the Arts and Culture Strategic Plan can mesh together.  
\*\*Perhaps have Sheila meet with the subcommittee to tell what is happening with Tourism and give her an update on what the Cultural Council is doing.

At next meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Wed in March there will be a focus on how the strategic plan steering committee will be set up, who might be on the committee, the size, etc.

### **% for the Arts**

City Council has adopted a formal policy to integrate art into CIP projects at the 1% level.

**Annex--**The Annex is the old Hopelink building and the first % for art project. Tracy Burrows met with the Architect for the Annex project and she is willing to work with the CC on integrating art and including an artist in the project. The project is initially for office space and will eventually be a public facility.

The Architect is envisioning a 6X8 screen on the South end of the porch. An artist needs to be selected very quickly, and on board by the beginning of April. 3-4 artists will be invited to present a proposal for the screen.

\*add in invitation that there is a desire to have green products used: value recycled materials, sustainability, etc.

Next steps are to develop a list of artists to invite to present a proposal and send out an invitation to artists

Jury will be:

Architect  
Project Manager  
GG  
Kathy  
Tom  
Bob

### **Planning Department Updates/Notifications**

Desire to have a calendar or some way of knowing when there will be a presentation to the design review board.

The calendar is on the City Website: a link will be sent out to CC members.

Request to have upcoming meetings on the CC monthly meeting agenda—staff will do where possible.

### **Video Update for Private Developers**

Will try to have a version available for meeting with Park Place; production will begin the 21<sup>st</sup>, a rough cut will be done.

A brochure is being done, text is completed and graphics are needed. The brochure will be a reinforcement of the video.

Jennifer and Eric volunteered to work with MMS to help design the graphics of the brochure.

Distribution idea: YouTube

### **Neighborhood Art**

Leah sent an e-mail to Kari to ask about attending each of the neighborhood association meetings and talk about art and incorporating art in their neighborhoods as an idea for their neighborhood grants.

### **4Culture Site Specific Performance Art**

Leah attended the 4Culture meeting and helped review responses to an RFP 4Culture did for Site Specific Performance Art. Each person was given the opportunity to submit their 7 favorites and tell how they would fit within their community. Examples of those submitted include:

- 1) Ten tiny dances: bring 4X4 stages and dance on the stages
- 2) Giant black Tubes: Sculpture made out of recycled black plastic bags: formed into big tubes (20-30 feet high) the sculpture is made to move with the wind and through solar power.
- 3) 3 minute Theatre: 5 minutes to experience the entire theatre experience. As an attendee you get dressed, see the performance and then discuss the performance within 5 minute
- 4) Accordion Quartet:
- 5) Cultivation Utility Vehicle: Cart with dirt and plants, you learn about the plant or get to keep the plant and learn about the cart.

Leah will be attending the 4Culture meetings that occur every other month

### **Transit Center Update**

Plans were presented for the initial design of the transit center. The project is expected to begin in 2009, the design is currently at 30%. There were originally 19 artists reviewed for the Transit Center project, narrowed down to three and the final artist selected was Carolyn Law who has done similar projects in the past.

The process used to select an artist was a good one.

### **Development Updates**

**Park Place:** Kathy and GG meet with Park Place 1 time a month to discuss open space. So far Park Place has been very diligent in going out and meeting with people and has done 35 renditions of plans in response. GG presented copies of current plans. Has a lot of art opportunities intended for the project and want the project integrated/to flow with the park.

**McLeod:** Would like an update on where McLeod is at in the process. Still early has not been approved yet by the Design Review Board.

**B of A/Merrill Gardens:** Project was approved by Design Review Board and neighbors have appealed the project approval.

### **Board Member Applications:**

Opening for Tom's position: 3 applicants applied in addition to Tom and they need to be interviewed.

Interview committee will be:

Eric Leah

GG Mary-Jane

3-4 options will be sent to committee as potential interview times.

Council would like to keep size at 12, but would like to interview candidates to see if they would be a good fit for the council and discuss adding a new position.

### **Funding**

Discussed needing criteria for what to fund: Kathy will put together a draft

Discussed funding level for supporting KAST:

Motion by Mary-Jane to fund KAST at the \$2,000 level, Boris 2nds, 7 in favor 1 abstains.

### **Next steps:**

Interviewing applicants for Tom's position

Bob will follow-up on B of A

March 5<sup>th</sup> Strategic Plan Committee

CC meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>