

Cultural Council Minutes

September 17th, 2008

Present: Mia Coolidge, Becca Singer, Amy Whittenburg, Tom Gant, Leah Kliger, Boris Srdar, GG Getz, Kathy Feek, Bob Larson, Julie Reynolds (staff), Ellen Miller-Wolfe (staff)

Absent: Linda Meuter, Mary Jane Vinella, Eric Synn, Jennifer Bushnell

Guests: Carolyn Law, Artist; Barbara Luecke, Sound Transit; Thad Pound, Cannery owner

Addition to agenda

Eric Synn is resigning from council. Council accepted the resignation and discussed possible applicants. His position is appointed by the KCC, not the City Council.

KAST 2008 Report

KAST has asked the KAC to take over the Artist Studio Tour. Cultural Council discussed pros and cons of this possible transition. Some members would like to see it be more of an active studio tour, where visitors can witness and learn about how artists create their works. This may not be possible and could limit the scope.

Report deferred to later meeting as guest Chris Sharp not available.

Sound Transit Art Report

Carolyn Law, artist, with Barbara Luecke, Sound Transit, presented her plan for the Kirkland Downtown Transit Center. She previously presented to a subcommittee and has taken their feedback into account. KCC gave additional input. Additional comments/feedback can be sent by e-mail to Julie who will forward on to artist and Barbara.

Strategic Plan Update

Community Conversation is scheduled for October 15th, 6:30-8:30pm at KPC. Invitations went out to all arts organizations, and all of the people that were recommended to talk to Jerry about the strategic plan. Staff member Julie Reynolds has complete list. Retreat will be the following day, October 16 from 4:00-8:00pm at McAuliffe Park.

KCC would like more information on the community conversation and what role the KCC will have at it. How will people be divided for group discussions? How will the community report back? Staff will follow up with Jerry on this and notify KCC by e-mail.

Board Term Limits

Staff consulted with City Attorney regarding term limits. Term limits can be changed by the City Council. Most boards have 4 year terms, with 2 terms being the limit, board members appointed by the City Council and all having the same terms. The Cultural Council is unique in that it was intended to become a non-profit and that may be why our terms are different. Jerry Allen will address this issue further at our retreat and as a part of the strategic plan.

Retreat

Jerry Allen will facilitate the retreat to discuss the strategic plan and the role of the KCC. Any additional agenda items can be sent to Julie.

Cannery

Summary of the cannery and cultural council's involvement was reviewed by the KCC. Thad Pound, owner, presented a history of the building and was present for the discussion. Kathy added on Linda's behalf that there has additionally been a steering committee of 18-20 people who are interested in the Cannery. Recent interest has been expressed by a private company who runs a cannery and is interested in running it as a cannery. City staff has also investigated the possibility of moving the Cannery to a City park. Thad has spoken with Bob Burke who expressed an interest to KCC to designate the cannery as a historical building. Thad has some concerns with that and is not in favor of it as it limits his options.