

Cultural Council Minutes

December 18, 2009

Present: Leah Kliger (Chair), Amy Whittenburg (Co-Chair), Jeff Parks, Bob Larson, Cathy Heffron, Bhaj Townsend, Rebecca Devere, Sheila McCool, Melissa Nelson, Ellen Miller-Wolfe (staff), Julie Huffman (staff)

Absent: Gwen Zierdt, Kathy Page Feek, G.G. Getz, Margit Moore, Emily Hanna

MEETING MINUTES

Bhaj made a motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2009 as written; Leah seconded the motion which carried. Bhaj was chosen as meeting summarizer.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Prospective new members Sheila, Melissa and Rebecca introduced themselves to the Cultural Council. Emily Hanna, not present, also introduced and recommended for approval in absentia. Bob made a motion to accept all new prospective members; Cathy seconded and the motion was approved.

MINUTE FOR THE ARTS

Given Margit's absence Leah reported on the Reflections contest. She mentioned that Bhaj and Cathy had judged writing entries and that everyone was pleased with the participation by the KCC.

Budget Update

Ellen indicated that there were funds remaining in the account that would be carried over to 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

Leah distributed the workplan for 2010 and together with Bob and Amy, described the three top strategies – Foundation, Community Collaboration, and Artilizing Kirkland – that the Cultural Council had agreed should be the focus of 2010.

Amy mentioned the need for another moderator for the listserv and Bob indicated that he would think about it. Bob and Ellen discussed the idea of the Director of the Seattle Art Commission presenting a public art training for the Council, Public Art Subcommittee or Collaboration Group. Leah discussed the idea of performance art at the borders of adjoining cities as a possible collaboration effort. Leah also suggested that an intern might compose a donor list as a first step in the foundation work. Regarding Artilizing, Leah alluded to the Burien project and to the article, "Can art saving a mall." After summarizing each strategy, Leah asked that new members choose a subcommittee.

NEW BUSINESS

Leah mentioned that she would be meeting with the new members of City Council on January 20th and discussion ensued about background material that would help her to make the case for the Cultural Council. A list of local artists, the Uncorked Survey, and any other information on the economic impact of the arts were mentioned. Cathy agreed to attend the LAA meeting on January 28th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ellen Miller-Wolfe