CALL TO ORDER
Chair Kat Flores called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm

ATTENDANCE
Arts Commission Members Present: Susan Coulter, Kathy Flores, Retha Hayward, Marquita Hunt, Robert Lawrence, Phillip Raschke, Barbara Vest, Jean Witte

Arts Commission Members Excused: Kurtiss Erickson

Arts Commission Members Absent: Sandra Calvillo; Jeff Greenwell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
On a motion by Retha Hayward and a second by Marquita Hunt, the minutes of the October 6, 2014, meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Page 3; He reported that the booklets had been distributed to approximately 650 students by the Association of Republican Women (Judy Lawrence, chair), and he was very impressed with how much the students knew about our government and its roots

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Community Garden Sign & Artwork: The gates are still to be constructed and installed. Also the city seal and sign will be done after the first of the year in the next budget year. A dedication will be held in the spring to coincide with gardeners beginning to plant their crops.

Joint meeting with City Council recap: The general consensus was that the meeting went well and that the Council would like to see something accomplished (built) in the form of public art. A timeline will be constructed for a piece of public art with the preferred location of the triangular piece of land at the intersection of Gravelly Lake Drive and Washington. Lakewold Gardens is excited about the siting of potential art at this intersection. Discussion followed regarding incorporating the Himalayan Blue Poppy in the RFP for the artwork. This would create a direct tie-in to Lakewold Gardens. There was also discussion to pursue an agreement with the state for possible art at Fort Steilacoom Park.
Arts promotion was also discussed to raise awareness of the arts through the use of possibly a “flash mob” event at the Towne Center, musical entertainment at the Farmers Market and finding existing events to partner with to bring more visibility to the arts in Lakewood.

**Motion to select Gravelly Lake Drive & Washington site for public art.**
Motion by Retha Hayward, second by Marquita Hunt. Vote was unanimous. A schematic will be needed of the site from Public Works. We will need to develop timeline, theme and costs.

**Recruitment:** We still have four positions vacant.

**2015 MLK Essay Award:** The winners have been selected. Suzi Riley will prepare plaques.

**Literacy Campaign:** The event attracted only 5 people but the discussions were very good and were based on the theme of “the first book ever read by themselves.” The event will be held again next year but without the construction issues at the library.

**City Hall Art Exhibit:** The current exhibit is done by Cheryl Rhodes. We are awaiting a bio to put with the exhibit. Youth Council member Hayley Mahnke has been approached regarding the possibility of submitting her artwork for a possible display.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Nomination/Election of New Officers:** Kurtiss Erickson was nominated as chair conditionally upon his acceptance. Retha Hayward made the motion and was seconded by Jean Witte. Vote was unanimous. Susie Coulter was nominated as vice-chair. The motion was made by Retha and seconded by Barbara Vest. Vote was unanimous.

**Public Art Field Trip:** A public art field trip was offered but the members declined and would like information on public art costs, artists and the structure & logistics of existing public art in the area.

**Bloomberg Art – Public Art Challenge:** The commission would like more information on the art challenge. More information can be found at the Bloomberg Art Foundation website.

**MayFest:** The art exhibit will be held on the main floor in 2015 and will result in an extended hanging period. There will also be a glass display on tables from the Hilltop. Intake will occur over the weekend and cannot be done on site. The event will run through Mother’s Day.
**Budget Review:** Moved to December meeting.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Arts Commission is scheduled Monday, December 1 at 4:30pm in room 3A of Lakewood City Hall. Members asked that the subject of a possible partnership with the developer in Springbrook be added to the December agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm.

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Kat Flores, Chair             Suzi Riley, Administrative Assistant