CALL TO ORDER
Chair Kurt Erickson called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm. The delay was due to the lack of quorum until that time and an opening field trip to the potential public art site at Washington and Gravelly.

ATTENDANCE:
**Arts Commission Members Present:** Retha Hayward; Kurtiss Erickson; Kat Flores; Phillip Raschke; Susan Coulter; Barbara Vest & William Joy (representing the Youth Council)

**Council Liaison:** Marie Barth

**Arts Commission Member Excused:** Jean Witte

**Arts Commission Members Absent:** Sandra Cavillo; Robert Lawrence; Marquita Hunt; Jeff Greenwell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Retha Hayward moved and Susan Coulter seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2014, meeting. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Van Trip to potential public art site:** Several members took a van trip to the potential public art site at Washington & Gravelly. The members were impressed with the size and scale of the site and the potential for a variety of artwork. The commission would like to make a recommendation to Council to accept the site for potential public art at their January 20th study session.

**Community Garden Sign & Artwork:** The gate, arch and signage have been completed at the garden. Commission members were sent a photo prior to the meeting showing the now attached city seal and sign. The existing fence posts will be moved and a latching device will be added to the gate. A plaque will be installed signifying the contributions of the Arts Commission, artist Werner Dillenburger, Levi Ott (Eagle Scout project) and Pinnacle Lumber.
Recruitment:
The commission still has four positions open. Members were encouraged to invite potential members to the next meeting in February. Musician Morris Northcutt and artist Jean Miller were mentioned as potential members.

Public Art
City Hall Lobby Art: Youth Council member Hayley Mahnke has declined to exhibit her artwork in City Hall. Commission member Retha Hayward suggested artwork from the collection of recently deceased Peggy Peterson. Retha will contact her husband for approval.

Gravelly & Washington site for art: The commission requested a timeline be developed for installation of public art at this site. Former members of Keep Lakewood Beautiful are to be contacted to determine if matching funds are available from the Rose Murphy endowment. Commission member Retha Hayward shared a conceptual drawing by artist Zach Taylor depicting a sculpture created from large metal gear wheels welded together. The estimated cost of producing the sculpture was $5,400. Potential themes were discussed for the proposed artwork including a link to the military and to create a focus for the artists to incorporate into their submissions. Discussion of having a three-sided display board announcing the installation of public art in the future at the site was shared by the commission.

MayFest: An MOU has been created for the Arts Commission participation in MayFest in 2015. The biggest change is the intake of the artwork at the White Dove Gallery. The artwork will then need to be transported to Lakewold Gardens. The breakdown will also require the artwork to be transported back to the gallery at the end of the event. See attachment A.

NEW BUSINESS

2015 Approved Budget: The Arts Commission approved a $2000 operating budget for 2015. Retha Hayward moved and Kat Flores seconded the motion to accept the proposed operating budget. The commission briefly discussed having Lakewold Gardens be the fiscal agent for the art display at MayFest. This possibility will be discussed further in the future. See attachment B.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm