	LAKEWOOD ARTS COMMISSION **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING** **MONDAY, March 2, 2015 4:30 PM TO 6:00 PM** **Lakewood City Hall Council Chambers** **6000 Main Street SW** **Lakewood, WA 98499**

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Kurt Erickson called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

ATTENDANCE:
Arts Commission Members Present: Susan Coulter, Kurtiss Erickson, Kathy Flores, Retha Hayward, Marquita Hunt, Barbara Vest, Jean Witte, William Joy (Youth Council Representative)

Council Liaison: Marie Barth

Arts Commission Member Excused: Robert Lawrence, Phil Raschke

Arts Commission Members Absent: Sandra Cavillo, Jeff Greenwell

Introduction of Guests: Connie Perra, Glorey Cancro

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kat Flores moved and Retha Hayward seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2015, meeting. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Recruitment:
The commission still has four positions open. Jean Witte introduced Connie Perra to the commission with the possibility of future membership. Kurt Erickson is continuing to work on bringing his friend who is a graphic artist and photographer.

Public Art
City Hall Art Exhibit: Artwork for the next exhibit will be scheduled for installation in April and will be displayed for April, May & June. A request was made to have the application posted on the City's Facebook page. Guest Glory Cancro expressed interest in exhibiting.

City Hall Lobby Art: This is still in the works but has taken a secondary priority as we move forward with the Gravelly Lake & Washington site for art. Potential

use of the Weaver's association (both here and from Tacoma) was mentioned as possibility. A mural was also discussed.

Gravelly & Washington site for art: The Commission has requested that the decision on this site be added to the Council agenda for a vote. Councilmember Barth suggested that the commission members visit the roundabout in University Place that features the work of Pacific Northwest artist Doug Granum.

SummerFEST & Farmers Market stages: Susan Coulter will chair the entertainment selection committee for these two stages. The Commission requested the contact info for the artists who performed in 2014. Dennis Higashiyama will request that information from Suzi Riley.

ArtsFest: Will be held Saturday & Sunday, May 2nd & 3rd at Pierce College. The next planning meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10th at City Hall in room 1A at 10:00am. The Commission members requested that the link to the ArtsFest website be sent to them.

MayFest: Special considerations will be made for local artists displaying at both ArtsFest and MayFest ease the process.

NEW BUSINESS

RFP for public art: The process will begin to create a RFP for the public art that will be installed at the proposed site of Gravelly Lake & Washington. UP for Art was suggested as a model that should be investigated for fundraising. Matching possibilities are being investigated to grow the already existing funds.

Literary: Barbara Vest reported that the Pierce County Reads book for this year will be Daniel Brown's "The Boys in the Boat". It is a great story of the UW crew that won the gold medal in the 1936 Olympics.

Asian Film Festival: The idea of holding the film festival at City Hall in Council Chambers was briefly discussed. Also the subject of asking for donations was raised again. Both will be discussed in fuller detail at our April meeting when Phil Raschke is in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm

Kurtiss Erickson, Chair

Dennis Higashiyama, Staff Liaison