



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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Susan Coulter called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Arts Commission Members Present: Susan Coulter, Retha Hayward, Marquita Hunt, Robert Lawrence, Connie Perra, Phillip Raschke, Barbara Vest, Jean Witte, William Joy (Youth Council Representative)

Council Liaison: Marie Barth

Arts Commission Member Excused: Kurtiss Erickson, Kathy Flores

Arts Commission Members Absent: Sandra Cavillo, Jeff Greenwell

Guests: Peggy Leach, Sonoro Choral Society

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Retha Hayward moved and Connie Perra seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2015, meeting. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Recruitment:

Welcome! New member Connie Perra.

Public Art

City Hall Art Exhibit: Previous guest and artist Glory Cancro submitted an application for the City Hall Art Exhibit. Retha Hayward moved and Phil Raschke seconded a motion to accept her application to provide artwork for the exhibit. Dennis Higashiyama will contact Ms. Cancro to schedule a time for the hanging.

Gravelly & Washington site for art: Council approved the site at the April 20th Council meeting. A proposed timeline was included in the request with fundraising taking place from April 2015 – March 2016, RFP process from March – June 2016, RFP selection in July 2016, RFP awarded in September 2016, artwork installed by June 2017. The total budget for the project; \$80,000. Approximately \$60,000 must be raised in matching funds. The RFP will be scaled

at \$50k, \$60k, \$70k and \$80k levels. Funds should be solicited from any business that includes "Lakewood" in its' business name.

SummerFEST & Farmers Market stages: Susan Coulter is chairing the entertainment selection committee for these two stages. She is continuing to fill the schedule for the Arts Commission stage at SummerFest. The schedule has been filled for the Farmers Market stage. A volunteer schedule for the Arts Commission stage was passed around for commission members to sign-up for shifts.

ArtsFest: Will be held Saturday & Sunday, May 2nd & 3rd at Pierce College. The next planning meeting will be on Tuesday, April 7th at City Hall in room 1E at 10:00am. The event will be held from 11:00am – 6:00pm on Saturday, and 11:00am-4:00pm on Sunday. The awards will be given on Sunday evening from 3:00-4:00pm.

MayFest: The event is up and running which included stone sculptures, wooden bowls, ikebana and our juried art show. The reception will be held Thursday, May 7th.

Asian Film Festival: The Film Festival will be held at the Lakewood Elks Club, 6313 - 75th Street West, September 5, 6 & 7 (Labor Day weekend). There was a brief discussion on soliciting donations to offset costs. Jean Witte and Phil Raschke will discuss further.

Literary: The "evening with the author" for Pierce County Reads was held on April 24th at the Sharon McGavick Conference Center with approximately 1400 people in attendance. The evening concluded with a brief film clip of the conclusion of the race originally shot as propaganda material for the Nazis.

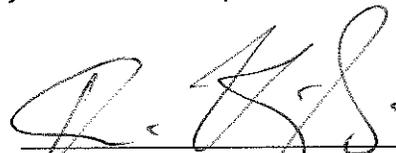
Literacy Month Proclamation: September is National Literacy Month. The Arts Commission would like City Council to do a proclamation to celebrate National Literacy Month in Lakewood.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm


Kurtiss Erickson, Chair


Dennis Higashiyama, Staff Liaison