



LAKWOOD ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, August 3, 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, Connie Perra, Phillip Raschke, Barbara Vest, Jean Witte

Council Liaison: Marie Barth

Arts Commission Member Excused: Robert Lawrence, Peggy Leach

Arts Commission Members Absent: Sandra Cavillo, Jeff Greenwell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Retha Hayward moved and Connie Perra seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2015, meeting. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Recruitment: We still have two positions open on the Commission. Louis Pedraza was recommended by Councilmember Barth. Staff member Dennis Higashiyama has made contact with Mr. Pedraza and will follow-up by providing more information.

Public Art

City Hall Art Exhibit: The exhibit is being removed on August 4th and will be picked up by artist Glory Cancro on the 5th. The Commission will need to select a new artist who will have their exhibit displayed through the end of the calendar year.

Gravelly & Washington site for art: The search for funding has begun by seeking an area non-profit that could act as the fiscal agent for the project. The advantage of using a non-profit is the donations for the project would be tax deductible for the done. Other issues that were raised regarding fundraising included: creating a diverse group of fundraisers, the timing for grant cycles and identifying people in our community who currently support the arts.

SummerFEST & Farmers Market stages: Susan Coulter did an outstanding job booking the Arts Commission stage at SummerFEST and just has two remaining slots to fill for the Farmers Market stage.

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.

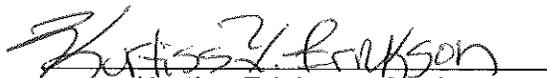
Literary: The "evening with the author" for Pierce County Reads "The Boys in the Boat" was held on April 24th at the Sharon McGavick Conference Center with approximately 1400 people in attendance. The evening concluded with a brief film clip of the conclusion of the race originally shot as propaganda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

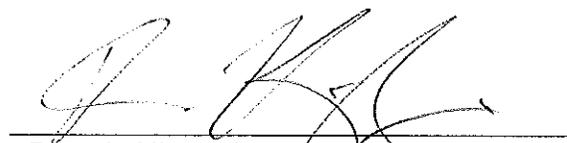
Literacy Month Proclamation: September is National Literacy Month. The Arts Commission would like City Council to do a proclamation to celebrate National Literacy Month in Lakewood.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm


Kurtiss Erickson, Chair


Dennis Higashiyama, Staff Liaison