



**LAKWOOD ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**
Date: Monday, November 2, 2015
Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Lakewood City Hall Room 3A
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

CALL TO ORDER

Kurtis Erickson called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Arts Commission Members Present: Susan Coulter, Kurtis Erickson, Kathy Flores, Tony Lamb, Retha Hayward, Peggy Leach, Phillip Raschke, Barbara Vest

Council Liaison: Marie Barth

Arts Commission Member Excused: Connie Perra, Jean Witte, Bob Lawrence

Guest: Mathew Grandstrom and Tim Tweet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Retha Hayward moved and Susan Coulter seconded the motion to approve the minutes from October 5, 2015, meeting. The motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Open Seats on Arts Commission: The commission continued their discussion on the 4 open seats remaining for the Arts Commission. Tony Lamb suggested Martha Todd Happy as a potential candidate.

Joint Meeting with Council: The commission had mixed opinions on how the meeting with council went. Dennis and Marie were in agreement that the time would have been better spent with the commission talking about what they will do moving forward instead of the accomplishments that they have had in the past. The commission concluded that there needs to be an RFP created for the project as soon as possible. This will include a timeline / funding sources / framework Etc.

Public Acceptance of Art: The commission discussed their concern with the lack of public acceptance around Lakewood with the construction of a large art piece. The commission is working on new and unique ways to encourage arts in the community such as gathering public opinion on social media or creating some kind of temporary public mural.

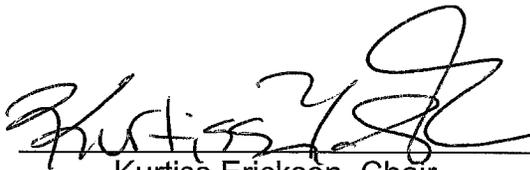
NEW BUSINESS:

January City Hall Public Art: Barbara presented her "It's Once Upon a Time" image collection for the City Hall exhibit. Retha entertained a motion to accept Barbara's art to be displayed in January. Phil seconded the motion. The motion passes.

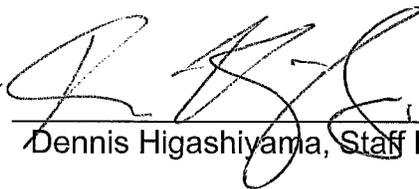
New Officers: The Lakewood Arts Commission will be electing new officers in the upcoming months. The committee stressed the importance of choosing someone who will be dedicated to moving forward and executing the committee's vision.

Lego Contest Judges: Sally Martinez is looking for committee members to judge the Lego contest. The judging will take place on December 1st and the winner will be announced at the tree lighting ceremony. Retha, Kurtiss, Peggy, and Barbara all volunteered.

ADJOURNMENT: Susan moved and Phil seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passes. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.



Kurtiss Erickson, Chair



Dennis Higashiyama, Staff Liaison