

Clark County Arts Commission

Monthly Meeting April 4th, 2023, Minutes

Attendees: Michelle Hanlon, Kevin Fitzgerald, Daniel Masterson, Steve Oglesby, Ken Spurlock, Steven Baer

Absent (invited): Deborah Nagano, Armin Tolentino, Kelly Niedig, Earline Holmstrom, Karen Madsen, Desiree Lorentz

Called to order 5:35 Michele Hanlon officiated Ken Spurlock took minutes.

Daniel Masterson moved to accept the minutes from March 7th, 2023, as written. Kevin Fitzgerald 2nd motion. All voted in favor.

Strategic Planning follow-up and discussion:

CCAC continues to define its role in conjunction with Arstra and other non-profit visual and performance arts organizations in Clark County.

We need a list of all the Non-Profit arts and culture organizations in Clark County. Daniel Masterson started a list drawn from on the Artstra website. Steven Baer (Columbia Arts Network) agreed to make their membership list available to CCAC. Follow-Up needed at future meetings.

Question: As CCAC individuals, do we call ourselves members of CCAC or commissioners? Deborah Nagano to research.

Job Descriptions for CCAC positions and Qualifications need to be written. Job descriptions and qualifications are important for each city's recruitment and appointment to the CCAC.

Education position (Michelle Hanlon)

Business position (Kevin Fitzgearld)

Representatives from each city. Ken Spurlock agreed to start a draft job description for appointees from each city in SW Washington.

The last arts and culture summit was in 2016 hosted by CCAR and Arstra. Plan one for the future??

Discussion about the upcoming Vancouver Arts and Music Festival August 4, 5, 6 2023. There will be many ways to get involved and volunteer.

The Vancouver HUB is an exciting new development with the City of Vancouver. The Columbia Arts Network is working closely with the City of Vancouver parks and recreation department.

VOTE: ARTS ALIVE. The upcoming Vancouver Arts and Music Festival August 4th, 5th and 6th 2023 will be using similar performers for the last Arts Alive event 2022. A motion was made by

Ken Spurlock to end the Arts Alive event and merge our efforts to support the festival for 2023. The Clark County performance space on Franklin St will not be used this year. Daniel Masterson 2nd the motion. All voted in favor of ending Arts Alive.

VOTE: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (AGREEMENT) Artstra and Clark County Arts Commission. The MOU was sent out in advance for review by all CCAC members. Steve Oglesby made a motion to accept the MOU as written. Ken Spurlock 2nd the motion. All voted in favor of adopting this agreement with CCAC and Artstra.

REPORTS:

Kevin Fitzgearld is attending the planning meetings for the Vancouver Arts and Music Festival. Kevin is also attending the planning meetings for the Summer Fest with music venues sponsored by The Historic Trust. His involvement is connecting the CCAC with key planners with the Vancouver City Parks and Recreation department as well The Historic Trust.

Michelle Hanlon: The NAACP student contest called ACT-SO will be held at Clark College in Geysler Hall this Saturday. The only events open to the public are the performing arts events which will be held from 3-4pm. Armin Tolentino and I both participated as mentors this year. I mentored a dance student from VSAA who will be performing in the afternoon."

Deborah Nagano (absent) No report on Camas

Daniel Masterson LaCenter. Daniel reported the Mayor of La Center has resigned. No other update on events in LaCenter.

Steve Oglesby Battle Ground. Steve attended the Battle Ground City Council meeting in April. The mayor announced it was National Poetry Month. The mayor read a poem he wrote another one Henry David Thoreau, and then read the Proclamation. Steve wrote and read a speech about Armin Tolentino. Steve has joined the Battle Ground Art Alliance. As a new CCAC member, Steve is networking with the board members of the BAA. The Battle Ground Art Alliance Spring Arts Show and Sale April 22nd 10 am to 4 pm.

Ken Spurlock Ridgefield. The March Arts and Education program sponsored by the Ridgefield Arts Association was a huge success that ended with an all-age art show at Ridgefield High School. May 6th is the RAA downtown art show that kicks off the Saturday market that will run through the summer. Planning for Forrest Fair art show August 5th to be held at Abrams Park with 50 artist invited. A subcommittee of the RAA has arranged for guest speakers at their monthly general meetings with positive feedback.

Submitted by Ken Spurlock

