

Clark County Arts Commission
July 11, 2023

Attendees: Debboe Nagano, Ken Spurlock, Dan Masterson, Michele Hanlon, Kevin Fitzgearld, Russ Ford

- I. Call to Order: 5:25pm
- II. Introductions - Russ Ford (new Vancouver representative) to commission members
- III. Approval of Minutes: June 6, 2023. Michele Hannlon moved to approve minutes with corrections (Date Junne 6 & Spelling of Michele's first name) Kevin Fitzgearld seconded. Unanimously approved.
- IV. Open issues
 1. Strategic planning: Debbie and Ken will take the lead on an orientation packet for new members. Michele - Contact state economist (Scott Bailey) re contact name for regional economic stats
 2. CCAC Openings: Still need reps from Yacolt, Woodland, At-Large, Washougal
 3. Discussion of Anstine Curator: Sources of possible curators discussed. Contact Cave, glass studio. Proposal to Artstra for Curator Mentorship program - honorarium for curator and/or mentor. Connntact Art director at Clark College - Russ will do this.
 4. MOU update: Kathleen Otto (Clark County manager) promised Debbie an answer in two weeks - fiduciary relationship with Artstra.
 5. Dragonfly Cafe: Debbie and Karen Madsen met with assistant county manager. Space will be used for criminal justice system so is unavailable to us.
- V. New Bsiness
 1. Russ Ford - Vasncouver Representative. Artist/educator retired (from teaching).
 2. Concerts in the Plaza. Discussed creating a budget for this purpose. Kevin discussed other venues such as the Academy.
 3. Party - Debbie's home - food and painting for Camas Artist's Guild - July 26, 5-8pm. 1187 NW 10th Avenue in Camas, bring food to share.
 4. Teacher show at Anstine. Planned for the upcoming season.
 5. Other new business: Poet Laureate Process - Armin's term ends in April. Debbie found the folder on the selection process. \$1,500 honorarium. Debbie anticipates that we should begon selection process in the Fall.

Area Update report:

1. Business Rep - Kevin's Report: Music and arts festival in John Ball park Saturday, August 26, 3-9pm - looking for artisans to set up booths. John Ball park Kauffman & 21st. No space charge for booths.
2. Ridgefield - Ken - speaker program for the Rldgefield art organization. Membership has increased from 45 - 60! Membership committee to find and nominate new board members. Met with Port of Ridgefield about using spaces for galleries - encouraged to write proposal for this purpose. Possible collaboration with Ridgefiled Chamber of Commerce, co-op for managing Port built spaces. Ken's show had article in local paper. March - art in education director of program has resigned and moved to LaCenter. Dragon Boat team building a possibilty. Forrest Fair August 5 - same weekend as VAMF. Food, music, parade, children's art... Art chat in Library is happening. Ken will be guest artist for Hilton Exhibit through

Mosaic Arts Alliance. Started a scholarship program - Ridgefield Art Association - for Clark College, also gave HS student \$500 to use toward arts education. 3 from Ridgefield chosen for open studios.

3. Education report. Establish a subcommittee to brainstorm interactions with schools; Russ, Dan, Kevin, Michele.
4. Camas - Debbie - Camas Guild is doing art supply drive for the schools. Art Match - provide bio & work sample for a website that matches local businesses and artists - restaurants etc. Murals planned for downtown Camas - design review committee city of Camas approved.
5. La Center - Dan - looking for members for local arts group (Bristles & Nibs). Includes survey for members. Will meet at the community center. LaCenter is doing Concerts in the Park with free music. Dan had booth at last event looking for artists. LaCenter interested in using 2% lodging tax on art/the arts. Sternwheeler park is venue for event in LaCenter - logs used as pedestals for sculptures need refurbishing as do sculptures. Do we have any contacts? Ken suggested City of Kalama. Rising Heights Dance Studio - will start in LaCenter. Willows and Ferns Collective - new shop representing local artists. Lodging Tax grant being re-written as 4%.

VI. Call for public comment - no public comment.

VII. Adjourn: 7:15pm