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RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

May 5, 2014

Renton City Hall, 7th Floor –Conference Center

Members Present:

Peter Hartley, Chair; Evelyn Reingold, Secretary; Jerri Everett; Paul Hebron; Jaris English; Natalie Gress; Michele Bettinger; Mitch Shepherd; and Elizabeth Higgins, Staff Liaison

Excused Absence: Ben Andrews, Bill Huls, and Marsha Rollinger.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by RMAC President, Peter Hartley at 4:37 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April 1, 2014 RMAC were read and accepted with one correction: Jaris English had an excused absence for last month .

Correspondence and Announcements: The correspondence and event folders were circulated for individual review.

- May 2- 10, 2014, “Disney’s Aladdin Kids”, at May 14, 2014, 6pm – at Renton Civic Theatre (425-226-5529 or rentoncivictheatre.org for ticket information)
- May 14, 2014, 6pm Film Frenzy meeting at Luther’s Table
- May 18, 2014, 2pm “Aunt Dottie’s Sing-Along Cabaret” at Renton Civic Theatre (425-226-5529 or rentoncivictheatre.org for ticket information)
- May 22, 2014, 7pm – Seattle International Film Festival Renton and Opening Night Gala
- May 23-28, SIFF – 18 films at Renton IPAC
- May 27, 2014, 6:30pm – 8pm – Allied Arts monthly meeting at Luther’s table
- June 3, 2014, 4:30 pm -7pm – Next RMAC meeting

New Business:

RMAC Committee Review and Assignments – The RMAC Committee Assignment document was revised to show the Executive Committee members who are currently assigned to each committee to help keep the focus on the goals. This is intended as a living document to be revised as necessary. Committees will be assigned a specific month to provide a report to the RMAC. The first one will be from the Renton River Days Committee in June.

Paul Hebron Presentation:

- **Art Walk** – Arts Unlimited is ready to hand over the Art Walk event which is scheduled for Saturday, August 23, 2014. Meeting with Piazza committee to try and align it with the Piazza Market Days and increase it from a half day to a whole day once a year. It could be a win/win and spark some interest in the empty buildings downtown .

- **Artist Co-op Gallery in Downtown Renton** – The vision is for the project to include ALL arts, not just visual and is part of the RMAC Master Plan to have an Art Center for downtown Renton. Members would pay fees and have a “Responsibility Agreement” which would outline membership responsibilities. The first group would be small (10-20 artists), with a short lease in a vacant building to serve as a prototype. The committee is reviewing the strengths of various artist co-ops in this area.
- **RMAC Logo** – The results from the flash card exercise that was conducted at the last retreat showed that everyone preferred organic shapes with people as the most prominent selection to visualize the future of art in Renton. We were asked to choose from several combinations for Marsha and Paul to use as the basis for our logo design.

Highlands “Turtle” Relocation – This was formerly located in front of Sears store before being moved to the Highlands. A group called Sustainable Renton would like to have the artwork. Michele suggested that it could be move to the Moses Water Park. There is no urgency and a new location is open for suggestions.

Old Business:

Review Committee 2014 Grants Application – Peter, Jerri, Marsha, Michele, and Evelyn will review the grant applications during the first week in June in order to report the recommendations at the RMAC meeting on June 3, 2014. Notifications will be sent to each applicant by June 16, 2014. Meeting date and location for the review will be coordinated by Peter.

RMAC Website – Lynda Maybury, Web designer and Social Media Consultant, gave a comprehensive Power Point presentation on what needed to be done to redesign the RMAC website so that it is more user friendly; builds connections with other social media (Facebook and Twitter); brings input from other organizations and artists as well as show events. Lynda made several suggestions as to how we can be more effective in building awareness and ownership of the direction for arts in Renton. Elizabeth will check Renton’s requirements for consultants and contract details. Lynda will provide us the number of required hours and cost of her services so that we can determine our priorities.

Plaques for Public Art – Evelyn and Jerri decided on the larger plaque from the examples submitted by Benson Shaw, “Going Global” Artist. There is a nice description of the project on his website and he said we were free to use anything we needed. The next step is to have the plaque fabricated. Evelyn will check with Facilities to see how this done for other art.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Evelyn Reingold,
RMAC Secretary

Peter Hartley, Chair