

CITY OF EVERETT  
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES  
March 12, 2019 – 5 pm  
Van Valey House  
2130 Colby Avenue

Acceptance of January Minutes: Motion to approve: Maren Oates; Seconded Diane Wright. All in favor.

**Commissioners Present:** Kristen Boswell, Elizabeth Person, Maren Oates, Diane Wright, Deb Fox, Cat Snapp, Kati Nickerson, Rosemary Jones, Jason Grim, Yasmin Wisecarver-Baron, Alison Musch

Commissioners Absent: Hugh Denny, Cheryl Davis

**Guests:** David Lotz and Jenny Flynn

**Staff:** Lisa Newland and Carol Thomas

Lisa Newland gave an update on Sorticulture vendors and the addition of an Everett Maker's area within the festival, celebrating Everett's artists and creatives.

Lisa and Carol gave an update on the Wendt and Mayor's Arts awards, rescheduled to Monday, April 15

Alison Musch talked with the commission about helping promote Parklets on September 20, 2019. A parklet is a small seating area or green space created as a public amenity on or alongside a sidewalk, especially in a parking space.

Last year, Funko and Narrative Coffee created Parklets for global parklet day. Ideas included pairing a nonprofit with an artist to create a parklet with a message, "arts with a purpose".

The commission will form a sub-committee to work on the Parklets concept- possibly coordinating with the Downtown Everett Association and Live in Everett.

David Lotz mentioned that the date of the Park-Lets would correspond well with the September Art Walk which is Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. David also noted that the Everett Artwalk and the Edmonds Artwalk are on the same Thursday evening and is there a way to connect the two events?

Brainstorming session – continuation from January meeting: commissioners looked at all the post-it note suggestions from the January meeting and put hatch marks on their favorite concepts

- 9 votes- telling the stories of the Hibulb/ First Nations people
- 6 votes- a paint-by-number mural
- 6 votes- a multi-cultural event partnering with other area groups- include dance, music, etc.
  - The 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival at Legion Park might be an excellent opportunity for this event. It was suggested that cultural acts that are in the morning parade could also perform out at Legion Park.
- 5 votes- Bike art show and ride- bikers decorate bikes. Start in south Everett and end at Everett Station.
- 5 votes- Chalk-lets: using parking spaces for chalk art created by artists and/or community members
- 4 votes- neighborhood mural project: does the city have a wall in each city neighborhood for a mural? It would include having neighborhood groups create and collaborate with artist on content.

Does the commission want to establish work groups outside of the regular commission meetings?

- The commission will form a sub-committee to work on the park-lets

Field trips to Everett Art organizations?

- Deb Fox has been speaking with the City of Tacoma cultural arts staff and is coming up with a number of questions to ask them about how they function, especially around Tacoma's arts commission.
- Guest speakers?
  - Deb Fox sent a survey to cultural commissioners and received feedback that all are in favor of guests speakers at future commission meetings.

New Business: none

Citizen Comments: none

Adjourn: 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:

April 9, 2019 5 p.m.

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