

**Lake Stevens Arts Commission (LSAC)**  
**Meeting Minutes: August 13, 2014**  
**Location: Community Center – 1808 Main Street, Lake Stevens**

**Meeting called to order:** 6:30 pm

**Present:** Gisela Hinchcliffe, Holly Forbis, Jennifer Oldenberg, Eileen Tietze, Robert James Cruickshank, Kristen Hunt

**Excused:** Martin Reimers

**Guests:** Councilmember Todd Welch

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Minutes of July 23, 2014 deferred.

**Music on the Lake:** The number of audience members (estimated) and the weather for the last 2 acts of the summer are as follows:

- July 31, Joachim Nordensson, 100+, sunny and warm
- August 7, The Rocket Band, 150, sunny and cool.

Our sponsor received a letter of complaint about the quality of bands that performed over the summer. Mr. Welch offered advice on how to handle the complaint:

1. Write back with a thank you for their comments and appreciate their interest but do not engage.
2. Or do not write back, because you can't please everybody.

The commissioners passed this responsibility to Commissioner Reimers. The question of moving to Friday evenings to be in sync with the Farmers' Market was nixed.

**Chalk-It-Up:** We had 4 adults and 8 children participate. There were no Teens. The \$80.00 entry fees were deposited in the City account. The prizes were awarded with the gift certificates going to the adults, 1<sup>st</sup> place and to a judges' choice. The Children received "Bag O' Swag". We will not need to buy chalk next year as we have plenty.

**Art Rotation:** The Art Rotation is in full swing with new art to be put up in September.

**Round-About Art:** Commissioner Tietze found and shared The Lake Stevens Economic Development Survey that was done several years ago by the Lake Stevens City Council. The survey is a good resource for determining the demographics and needs of the community. Commissioner Hunt shared photos of a sculpture done by an artist showing pieces at an establishment in George Town that specializes in home and garden art. There was a general discussion about funds. It was explored on whether there could be a private/public partnership in obtaining funds for the round-about project, specifically aimed at the developers that are building in the area. Due to the current City/County building codes in place the developers may not be a feasible source of funding.

Commissioner Tietze will be getting in touch with the City Planning Director and find out who has been approached for funds. The general consensus was the Round-About art needs to be family friendly with highlighting Lakes Stevens past, which could include but not limited to: logging, trains, salmon/fish, trees, and wildlife. In any discussion on this matter the Commission would like to include the general public and the youth of the area. To generate interest the plan is to place ads in the Lake Stevens Journal, the Lake Stevens Ledger, the Lake Stevens High School newspaper and put out a notice to the elementary and middle schools.

**Movie Night:** The Family Movie Night is on track for August 23, 2014.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:00 pm

**Next Meeting:** August 27, 2014, 6:30 p.m., at the Lake Stevens Community Center, 1808 Main Street, Lake Stevens

Respectfully Submitted by Commissioner Forbis