

ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2019

1812 Main Street, Lake Stevens

CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Linda Ehmen, Navid Nikoo, John Vicente, Bridget Scott, Kathy Kruse

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilmember Todd Welch, Events/Volunteer Coordinator Jim Haugen, City Clerk Kathy Pugh

Chair Ehmen called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Commissioner Nikoo, seconded by Commissioner Vicente, to approve the agenda as presented. On vote the motion carried (5-0-0-0).

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Commissioner Vicente, seconded by Commissioner Nikoo, to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 Joint Meeting with City Council, Parks Board and Arts Commission, February 13, 2019 meeting, March 13, 2019 meeting and April 10, 2019 meeting. On vote the motion carried (5-0-0-0).

Guest Business: None.

Discussion/Action Items:

Standing Committee Reports:

Music by the Lake: Coordinator Haugen updated that despite multiple attempts he has not been able to confirm the Snohomish County Firefighters Pipes & Drum Corp for the July 21, 2019 music. Discussion ensued and Commissioner Ehmen suggested a local college orchestra and said with a request they would be able to provide music that is more percussion oriented. Coordinator Haugen is working with Seattle Kokon Taiko to confirm a time and has suggested they be at 1:00 p.m. to provide them enough time or set up. He added that Waste Management is providing \$2,000 in sponsorship dollars.

Coordinator Haugen updated on the staging and skirts and carpet proposed for the stage. There was discussion about using Velcro to hold the stage skirts vs. clips, and whether to use a no slip grip or Velcro to hold the carpet on the stage.

Commissioner Ehmen discussed ideas for children's ideas including streamers attached to wands, bell wrist bands, plastic egg shaker percussion toys and different rhythm sticks. The safety and risks of having longer wand-type sticks with the streamers was discussed, as well as safety concerns as to how the bells are attached to the wrist bands. Clerk Pugh will ask the City's risk manager to review and provide her comment. Commissioner Ehmen reminded these are ideas for children to have a small takeaway, and that she tried to keep the suggestions themed to the music events. Commissioner Scott suggested if these ideas are not useable, maybe a volunteer dance instructor could teach dance steps from the 1960's, 70's and 80's.

Coordinator Haugen closed by saying the Permit Application has been submitted to the city, and that the beer, wine and food is arranged.

Movies in the Park: Commissioner Scott has contacted both the Mariners and the Aqua Sox to have a uniformed play or players attend *The Sandlot* movie. Suggestions from commissioners included the possibility of borrowing a mascot uniform or contacting the high school for players. Also discussed were baseball themed activities, including “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” sing along. Coordinator Haugen suggested whiffle balls and bats as giveaways, and he said there will be popcorn and cotton candy available.

For *Spiderman – Into the Universe*, Coordinator Haugen is looking into having someone dressed up as Spiderman attend and entertain. Other suggestions included contacting former Commissioner Holly Forbis to see if she might donate Spiderman comic books through her business, having special tee shirts made up, asking children to dress up in Spiderman character costumes or having a magician. Commissioner Ehmen will contact Funko to see if they have Spiderman bobble heads they might donate.

Theater in the Park: Commissioner Scott confirmed that Theater in the Park is all set. Commissioner Ehmen will do synopsis cards for both plays similar to what was done last year. Suggestions for activities for children included making cat face masks or having face paint.

Yoga by the Lake: Councilmember Welch updated that Council reviewed the Yoga proposal and contract at their workshop meeting on May 7, and that the contract will be formally approved as proposed at the May 14th Council meeting.

Commissioner Ehmen said she designed and shared a poster for consideration, and Coordinator Haugen will be turning in the permit application. Commissioner Ehmen would like to see the poster placed on an A-board and displayed throughout the park.

Marketing/Promotional: Commissioner Kruse said she is close to finished with the promotional materials but is waiting for the final band for the poster. There was discussion on whether to move forward with or without that piece of information with consensus being to move forward with the Rack cards and waiting until the May 22nd special meeting to see if all of the information is available for the music/movie poster. There was agreement to finalize and print the yoga poster, and additional discussion regarding how to make the advertising available on the city’s web and Facebook pages. There was consensus to print the rack card so that it can be distributed on Wednesday following Council’s approval of the yoga contract.

Community Outreach: Commissioner Ehmen introduced this discussion is about how to get the advertising out. Coordinator Haugen and Clerk Pugh confirmed that the events and posters will be uploaded to both the City’s web page and Facebook page. Facebook uploads feed out to a Twitter account. There was discussion on how to post the yoga poster with consensus that each commissioner will take 5-10 posters and distribute them to businesses for posting with particular emphasis on grocery stores and restaurants. Councilmember Welch suggested advertising through Lake Stevens School District’s social media platform, Peachjar. Other areas where posters could be distributed include the Senior Center and the Visitor Information Center.

New Business: Commissioner Kruse suggested it would be good to have flags or banners at Lundeen Park. Discussion ensued as to the style and size of the banner and the process for being able to install them. Commissioner Ehmen and Coordinator Haugen recalled that when the plaza area stands were built two extra stands were also built that are not currently in use.

Coordinator Haugen said, regarding the movies, that Snohomish County Parks is planning to rotate their movie events to various community parks including Lake Stevens Community Park on August 8 and 15. The County has asked if Lake Stevens is interested in co-hosting their two movies. Following discussion there was no interest in participating with Snohomish County.

Commissioner Ehmen reviewed the schedule for evaluating recognition applicants at the May 22, 2019 and said that Parks Board member Roger Schollenberger would like to participate and provide input in the review of the applications, but that he would not be able to vote. Commissioners were agreeable with this. Coordinator Haugen reminded that the Arts Commission is making a recommendation to the Arts and Parks Foundation and that the Foundation makes the final decision on the recipient. Clerk Pugh clarified that the Arts and Parks Foundation will review all of the applications and then vote on the recipient; the Foundation is the final decisionmaker as to who will be awarded the recognition. Discussion ensued as to how involved the Arts Commission will be in future awards by the Foundation with Commissioner Ehmen suggesting the Arts Commission have no further involvement, and Commissioners Nikoo and Scott countering that the Arts Commission needs to stay involved with this recognition or scholarship, particularly as it is named after former Arts Commissioner Hinchcliffe.

Councilmember Welch updated on Council's discussion regarding combining the Arts Commission and Parks Board, saying that Council has decided to not combine the two bodies, believing that each body has a specific focus, one to art and culture and the other to parks. He added that there will likely be some additional changes down the road, particularly as the downtown improvements and other projects such as branding evolve. He anticipated that Council will look to the Arts Commission to provide more activities such Art Walks and similar activities.

Commissioner Ehmen updated that Director Wright has asked the Arts Commission to assist with selecting and recommending art for the North Cove Park. Discussion ensued and there was general agreement to invite Director Wright to the June 12th meeting to elaborate on how the City would like the Arts Commission to move forward with this request.

Commissioner Vicente advised due to travel arrangements he may not be able to attend the June 12 meeting.

Adjourn: Moved by Commissioner Vicente, seconded by Commissioner Nikoo, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. On vote the motion carried (5-0-0-0).


Kathy Pugh, City Clerk