

BREMERTON ARTS COMMISSION

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of February 12, 2025

Approved

Hybrid Meeting: In person at Sheridan Park Community Center w/ virtual option.

Commissioner's Present: Cynthia Davis-Engelgau, Lynn Horton, Susan Blackburn (remote), Michael Laughlin (remote), Emerald Lessley (remote), Tia Hudson (remote).

Staff Present: AJ Williams, AC Liaison and Katie Ketterer, Public Works (QS Project)

Public Present: Anna Doehring

Absent: Asia Renee

I. Meeting Called to Order at 5:30p.m. by Chair- Lynn Horton

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes with revisions for the January 08, 2025 meeting. (Cynthia Davis Engelgau/ Susan Blackburn seconded). (#1CE/#2SB).

III. Public Comment: Katie Ketterer has presented an opportunity for collaboration with the Quincy Square Committee to support the design and art for two electrical cabinets in Quincy Square.

Project Details:

Scope: Two electrical cabinets requiring artistic wraps.

Estimated Cost: Approximately \$1,500, with an additional \$500 art stipend for the selected artist, funded by the Quincy Square Committee.

Artist Selection: A call for artists will be issued to find a suitable candidate for this project. The Quincy Square Committee has expressed a preference for local and emerging artists.

Art Theme: The artwork should align with Quincy Square's cultural vision, emphasizing diverse culture, African American history, and music.

Coordination: The Arts Commission will oversee the artist selection process and work in collaboration with the interpretive committee to ensure the artwork aligns with other existing signage.

IV. Business:

Art Submissions: No art submissions currently.

Purchase Prize Award for CVG: The People's Choice Award event is scheduled for Friday, February 28th, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Additionally, the Arts Commission has successfully acquired two works of art using proceeds from the 2024 Gala, ensuring that no public funds were utilized. The plan is to incorporate these artworks into a rotating display throughout the city, allowing for broader community engagement and appreciation.

Goals and Accomplishments- Lynn provided a draft of the 2025 Work Plan and reviewed all key activities. The plan includes:

- Creative District Support: Engaging stakeholders and organizing networking events in Downtown, Manette, and Charleston.
- Annual Events:

- Krampus (December)
- Gala (beginning in April)
- Public Art Maintenance & Support: Completing maintenance and support plans by July 2025.
- Arts Event Permitting: Streamlining the arts event permitting process to improve efficiency.
- Special Events: Exploring opportunities to host a few special events during summer 2025. Explore partnerships for drum festival and pianos in the park.

VI: Sub Communities Reports

Master Plan- The Arts Commission (AC) is preparing to update its Master Plan. Lynn provided an example framework outlining key sections to be addressed:

- Executive Summary
- Mission and Vision Statements
- Background (including the history of Quincy Square)
- Creative District Details (covering Downtown, Quincy Square, Manette, and Charleston)
- Public Art and Culture (encompassing visual, performing, literary, and culinary arts)
- Goals, Recommendations, and Implementation

The proposed outline was presented to all AC members, with the goal of completing one section per month to ensure clarity and coherence in the final document. To facilitate collaboration, AJ will convert the document into a live, shared format, allowing all members to contribute efficiently.

Literary Arts: The Subcommittee members, along with Tim Barker (Director of Parks and Recreation), conducted interviews with both candidates. Both individuals were highly qualified. The final decision rests with Mayor Wheeler. Once AJ receives notification of the Mayor's selection, she will inform both candidates of the decision and provide guidance on the next steps.

Gallery of Arts/Maintenance: Cyn is currently working on cataloging and categorizing all artwork throughout the city. The final collection will be organized into distinct subcategories, including public art, utility wraps, sculptures, and more. This effort aims to create a comprehensive and accessible record of the city's artistic assets.

Support and Grants: One submission has been submitted but the Sub Community has not been able to meet for a more up to date review of the application.

Creative District Update: The new logo has been developed, and Cyn is in the process of finalizing the design and placement of banners. The banners will be installed in strategic locations across various districts to enhance visibility and community engagement.

V. Staff Reports/Updates:

Poet Laureate: Already reported on.

Quincy Square Groundbreaking: The event was a great success, with a full house at the Roxy Theater and a live performance by a jazz band. Photos from the event are circulating on the Downtown Business District Facebook page, showcasing the vibrant community participation.

Art Wrap Update: No updates were available regarding art wraps.

Art Panels: The six panels from the Open Art Gallery on the Washington Avenue wall are currently in the process of being vinyl wrapped. The distributor has provided a small-scale sample for review before proceeding with full production.

- VI. Chair Report:** None
- VII. Commissioner Reports, Comments and Questions:** None
- VIII. Announcements:** None
- IX. Adjournment:** 6:59 PM by Chair Lynn Horton