

BREMERTON ARTS COMMISSION

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of June 11, 2025

Approved

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

Commissioner's Present: Lynn Horton, Cynthia Davis-Engelgau. Michael Laughlin (remote), Tia Hudson (remote), Asia Renee (remote).

Staff Present: AJ Williams (AC Liaison)

Public Present: John Waters

Absent: Emerald Lessley, Susan Blackburn

- I. **Meeting Called to Order** at 5:31 PM by Chair, Lynn Horton.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes with changes for the May 14, 2025, meeting. (Cynthia Davis-Engelgau/Micheal Laughlin). (1CD/2ML).
- III. **Public Comment:** John Waters- No Comment.
- IV. **Business:**
Art Submissions: Only one art submission was received for Quincy Square Park. Discussion on submissions will be deferred until the Quincy Square art call is finalized.
- V. **Visual Arts Event Feedback:** Discussion of visual arts event feedback was postponed to next month.
- VI. **Call for Art- Washington Ave.:**

The committee reviewed and finalized details for the Washington Avenue Open Air Gallery call for art. Key updates include:

- **Artwork Format:** Up to four (4) 4x4 panels will be added.
- **Theme:** *Water* (broad interpretation encouraged).
- **Stipend:** \$300 per selected artist.
- **Submission Period:** June 16 – August 16.
- **Acceptable Media:** Photography is accepted; AI-generated images are not.
- **Submission Format:** All entries must be submitted digitally. Artists are not responsible for fabrication or installation. Michael, Lynn, and AJ will proofread the final call for art document to ensure accuracy. All commissioners approved the outlined changes. The commission also discussed language related to digital file submissions. Initial confusion arose over the use of specific brand names such as Dropbox and Google Drive. To avoid perceived product endorsements and user confusion, the instructions will use generic terms—e.g., “a link will be provided for upload.”

Additional file submission guidelines include:

- **Accepted File Types:** JPEG, PNG, TIFF, and PDF
- **Initial Submission File Size Limit:** 2MB
- **Higher Resolution Files:** Will be requested from selected artists after initial review

Instructions will be updated to reflect these changes and include the panel dimensions and file submission guidance at the top of the document.

IX. Sub Committees Reports

Master Plan: Nothing to report on.

Literary Arts: Tia reports Sarah Steinke (Poet Laureate) expressed interest in taking over either the workshop or open mic. Tia announced her potential resignation from the Arts Commission due to time constraints with her new role as Senior Warden at her church.

Gallery of Arts/Maintenance: AJ and Cyn are working on taking pictures for the gallery's maintenance updates. A scavenger hunt may be incorporated. Lynn mentioned that outdated information about the Bremerton High School mosaic needs to be removed from the website. AJ will contact Kelsey regarding the removal of outdated information about the Bremerton High School mosaic from the city website.

Support and Grants: A mini grant application was received for a shark-themed mural at the Sheridan Community Center. The application requests funding for supplies (paint, brushes, primer, sealer, etc.). The artist is donating their time, and the Parks & Rec department will provide in-kind contributions. The subcommittee will review the application and make a recommendation at the next meeting. AJ will verify that the proposed paint is non-toxic and environmentally friendly.

Creative District Update: Report on the conference in Tenino, Washington, focusing on funding sustainability, tourism, and state grant opportunities.

Culinary networking and strategizing event at Heathens Bakery on 06/30/2025 at 5:30pm.

Literary arts event at the end of July.

All-groups networking event to be scheduled.

X. Staff Reports/Updates:

Quincy Art Call: Three art submissions were received for Quincy Square Park. The committee reviewed the submissions and deemed them suitable to forward to Katie and her committee for final selection. The three suitable submissions will be forwarded to Katie for final selection and arrangement with Traffic Wraps.

Art Wrap Update: No updates to report. Two art wraps remain at Public Works.

Art Panels: Already discussed.

Charleston District Art Project: Community painting completed, panel installation pending fundraising. Three by five foot panels will be used. Community input on panel selection will be sought

XI. Chair Report: No report.

XII. Commissioner Reports, Comments and Questions: Cyn report: Wood Show held this weekend 06/14/2025 at Sheridan Park. Noted success of Wayzgoose Festival, which generated significant foot traffic for local businesses, specifically Heathens Bakery.

XIII. Announcements: Wood Show is at Sheridan Park Community Center June 14-15, 2025, 10am-5pm.

XIV. Adjournment: 6:23 PM by Chair Lynn Horton.