



ARTS COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR VIDEO MEETING

DECEMBER 9, 2020

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Erin Vivion called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Vice Chair Amy Barnes, Erik Gordon, Xixi Shakes, Suzanne Skone, Gaylene Vaden, and Chair Erin Vivion participated remotely using Zoom (video teleconferencing platform).

Staff members Sarah Bluvas and Tammy Bodmer also participated remotely via Zoom.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

No public appearances.

STAFF UPDATE

Sarah Bluvas, EOC Small Business Liaison, provided an update on winter arts activations in Town Center; the 2021/2022 City budget adoption process; and reset planning efforts for the Mercer Island Community & Event Center, Recreation programs, and Arts Council work/arts programs.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes: October 14, 2020, Regular Video Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Barnes, seconded by Vaden to:

Approve the October 14, 2020, Minutes as presented.

Passed 6-0-1

FOR: Barnes, Gordon, Shakes, Skone, Vaden, and Vivion

ABSENT: Anumeha

2. 2021 Officer Elections

It was moved by Vaden, seconded by Gordon to:

Postpone officer elections until April 2021 and to extend the current officer and committee chair positions until that deadline.

Passed 6-0-1

FOR: Barnes, Gordon, Shakes, Skone, Vaden, and Vivion

ABSENT: Anumeha

3. Public Art Discussion

- a. Public Art Donation Proposal from MIVAL – MIVAL members Judith Roan and Carol Whitaker presented a proposal to donate to the public art collection a work by long-time Island resident and MIVAL member Ron Reeder.

It was moved by Barnes, seconded by Skone to:

Accept the proposal to donate a work of art by Ron Reeder, pending final approval of a selected print and location.

Passed 6-0-1

FOR: Barnes, Gordon, Shakes, Skone, Vaden, and Vivion

ABSENT: Anumeha

b. Art Element for Xing Hua Development

It was moved by Skone, seconded by Gordon to:

Direct staff to propose to the Xing Hua Development team a collaboration with the Arts Council to identify an art element for the future development that does not include re-siting an existing work from the public art collection.

Passed 6-0-1

FOR: Barnes, Gordon, Shakes, Skone, Vaden, and Vivion

ABSENT: Anumeha

Staff will follow up with the developers and return to the Arts Council with next steps at a future meeting.

c. Public Art Maintenance Needs – Staff updated the board on maintenance needs of three works in the public art collection:

- *Now We Are One* by Philip Levine
- *Gateway Figure* by Garth Edwards
- *Fire Flower* by Gizel Berman

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Video Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.