

City of Rainier Arts Commission

December 4, 2018

Regular Meeting

6:30pm

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Dennis McVey at 6:30 pm

Roll Call: Those present were Dennis McVey, Sheryl Turner, Steve Turner, excused absence Myrna Orsini. Linda Azarella the Rainier High School art teacher and Mr. Goold an high school art volunteer, attended the meeting.

Approval of Agenda: Motion for approval of agenda submitted by Dennis McVey was made by Steve Turner; 2nd by Sheryl Turner and approved 3/0.

Approval of Last Minutes: McVey asked for approval of the Minutes of November 6, 2018 meeting. Sheryl Turner made motion to approve; Steve Turner seconded; motion approved 3/0.

Public comment: none

Reports: Chair McVey reported on the Thursday, November 29, 2018 meeting with Rainier School Superintendent Bryon Bahr. They toured the proposed gallery area and discussed it's proposed uses. Superintendent Bahr offered the use of the entire basement area for a gallery, class area, and the large carpeted room for events such as poetry/book readings, musical recitals, or other such cultural events. There is a one-year contract between the City of Rainier and the Rainier School District for the use of the facility and a liability insurance policy is in effect through the City's insurer. The School District Maintenance personnel will do any required construction/repair required to the facility.

Unfinished Business:

New Business: Rainier Art Gallery discussion.

- a. **Staffing.** The commission's consensus is that staffing the gallery during open hours may be the biggest hurdle. It is hoped that volunteers from the arts community or art exhibitors will be available. In addition, Rainier High School seniors who need to complete their community service commitment for graduation may be used, hopefully student artists.
- b. **Opening schedule.** The gallery area must have some work done before opening, primarily installing the picture moulding to be able to hang art work, and art work must be obtained to display. The commission hopes to open the doors in February or March of 2019.

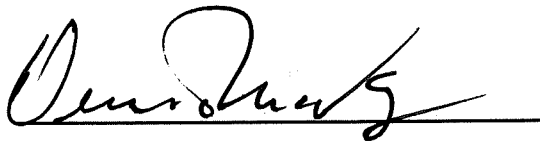
- c. **Ideas for demonstrations/events.** It is the desire of the commission to not only display works of art but to sponsor classes, demonstrations, and cultural events. Some ideas are painting classes and demonstrations, weaving demonstrations, pottery classes, Tribal demonstrations of basket weaving and/or carving; quilting, weaving, knitting, stained glass projects, photography, matting and framing, pottery (slip molding) and other art related skills. The first Class to be offered will be calligraphy as we have a trained calligrapher/graphic artist (Mr. Goold) who has volunteered to teach the class. The Rainier School District will support the class with pens, but students will have to pay a small fee for materials (paper and ink). It was also suggested that we might find some puppeteers and have a puppet show in the large carpeted classroom area.
- d. **We Love Rainier contest:** George Sharp and George Johnson of the “we love Rainier” group have asked if the commission would support a “we love Rainier” art contest in February to include an essay, poem, and art contest with prizes to be awarded. The contest would have age categories of 1 – 5, 6 – 11, 12 – 17, and 18 and older. The theme is for the contestants to focus on what they love about living in Rainier, what they love about their school, and what they love about their family. The two George’s will spearhead this contest and figure out details on judging criteria, prizes, marketing, etc. The commission agreed to support the contest.

A request for funding for gallery materials will be submitted to the commission for a recommendation to the Rainier City Council at the January meeting.

As the 1st Tuesday in January is New Years Day the January meeting will be held on the 1st Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment: Dennis McVey made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Sheryl Turner, approved by 3/0. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Dennis McVey, Commission Chairperson

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Myrna Orsini, Commission Secretary