



KITSAP COUNTY ARTS BOARD

Arts Board Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2006

3:30-5:00 PM

Silverdale Annex / Poplar Room

9729 Silverdale Way, Silverdale, WA

BOARD MEMBERS

Wendy Armstrong
District #1

Bill Baran-Mickle
District #1

Judith Craig
District #2

Mallory Jackson
District #2

Sharon Kuepfer
District #3

James Smalley
District #3

Larry Sukut
District #2

Kenneth VanderDoes
District #3

Vacant
District #1

Present: Bill Baran-Mickle, Wendy Armstrong, Judith Craig, Mallory Jackson, Sharon Kuepfer, Larry Sukut, James Smalley, and Dana Hills, staff.

I. Call to Order

a. Meeting was called to order at 3:35 P.M.

II. Read and Approve Minutes of January 4, 2006

a. Motion made, seconded and minutes were unanimously approved.

III. New Board Member Introductions

Bill Baran-Mickle asked the Board members to give a brief introduction of themselves to the two new Arts Board members, Mallory Jackson and Sharon Kuepfer.

The Board members introduced themselves and gave brief backgrounds.

Baran-Mickle said that the Board was missing one member today, Kenneth VanderDoes, and that the Board also has a vacant position in Commissioner District #1 that needs to be filled.

Baran-Mickle asked Jackson and Kuepfer if they had email addressees, and they both said that they did. Baran-Mickle explained that the Board uses email a lot to communicate.

Baran-Mickle said that he asked Dana Hills, staff, to put together binders for Jackson and Kuepfer with various information on the Arts Board. He asked them if they had looked at the Arts Board website. He noted that the website does need some updating. He explained that on the website there was an artist registration form. He said artists can either fill out their information on line or print the form out and send it in. He stated that having the artist's on file would make it easier for the Arts Board to select certain artists for particular artcalls.

IV.

a. Administration Building Details

Baran-Mickle said the Kitsap County Administration Building should be completed by April this year.

Judith Craig asked if the Board had set aside maintenance and framing for Phase II for the artwork at the Administration Building. Craig said that the Board should at least have maintenance set aside in the budget.

Baran-Mickle explained to Jackson and Kuepfer the contract process for commissioned artwork, the selection process, and the approval process through the Commissioners.

Dana Hills, staff, said that both Steven Maslach and Gayle Bard's contracts have been approved and they should have their first payment.

Baran-Mickle told Jackson and Keupfer about Steven Maslach's glass boat sculpture he would be doing for the Kitsap County Administration Building. He said the sculpture would be placed in the art window in the building.

Baran-Mickle said that Gayle Bard was named Island Treasurer for Bainbridge Island.

Baran-Mickle stated that Maslach and Bard's artwork should be completed by the Administration Building's opening.

Wendy Armstrong told the Board that Gary Groves has ordered the framing and matting for the prints that they selected for the Administration Building.

Baran-Mickle explained to Jackson and Keupfer Groves's prints. He said that one of the great things about being on the Arts Board was that they get to visit artist's studios and see their works.

Hills said that Sally Banfill had delivered her paintings.

Baran-Mickle explained to Jackson and Keupfer about the three artists the Arts Board selected in Phase I of the Administration Building. He said they were all commissioned pieces. The artists were Frank Samuelson, Will Robinson, and David Franklin. Samuelson would be painting four 8 X 8 panels featuring migrating salmon and they would be hanging through the corridor of the building. He mentioned there had been some difficulty with the paintings in regards to the framing and the hanging. Robinson would be constructing various stone sculptures for around the outside of the building and Franklin would be creating several carved wood and metal doors with Native American themes on them for the inside of the building.

Larry Sukut said when he visited the building he saw the metal frames for Franklin's doors and they have been cut in half and they were also laying on the floor inside the building.

b. Courthouse Renovation Details

Baran-Mickle told the Board that he wasn't sure what was happening with J.D. Francis and his contract for the Kitsap County Courthouse Renovation. Armstrong said she had spoken with Francis and he feels that that he won't be doing any work for the County and he was very frustrated and discouraged. Armstrong said she wasn't sure if Francis had received a contract from the County at all. Francis feels that the commission probably won't happen. Hills said she would contact Carolyn Siems, Kitsap County Parks and Recreation, to see if she knew what was happening with his contract since they are the department that was going to be contracting with him.

Baran-Mickle explained to Jackson and Keupfer about the commissioned work the Arts Board selected from Janet Neuhauser to do for the Kitsap County Courthouse Renovation. He said Neuhauser would be taking South Kitsap High School students from her photography class to take pictures of three locations throughout the County and the pictures would be of all the seasons. Sukut said at the end of 2005 he spoke with Neuhauser and saw some of the pictures. Neuhauser told him at the end of the quarter she would be ready to show the Board what they had taken. Sukut said the ones he saw were proof like prints and it was a little unfair to judge at that point. He said there are some ordinary pictures and some different ones. Baran-Mickle noted that the Board would be selecting some pictures from the students and also three from Neuhauser. Baran-Mickle said it would be good to have Neuhauser attend the next Arts Board meeting so the members can see the pictures that they have taken so far. Sukut said he would contact Neuhauser to see if she can attend.

c. County Sportsfield

Baran-Mickle explained James Kelsey's sculpture that the Board selected for the Kitsap County Sportsfield in Bremerton. He said that Kelsey's work was very affordable. He told the Board that Kelsey received a commission from the City of Tacoma's Police Department for \$150, 000.00. Baran-Mickle said Kelsey has said several times that he would like the Board members to come visit his studio in Port Orchard. The Board members agreed it would be great to see his studio so they asked Hills to set up a studio visit with Kelsey.

V. Prioritize Year's Projects

Baran-Mickle handed out his outlook for 2006. He said the Board definitely won't be as busy as the previous years. He mentioned one of the things that should be updated this year was the Arts Board website. Hills asked if any of the Board members wanted to help her out with the website.

Armstrong felt that the Board should create brochures for each building that has artwork like the one she developed for the Norm Dicks Government Center.

Baran-Mickle said probably by the Arts Board meeting in March a lot of the Commission works would be completed. He said it would be nice to have the artists at the opening for the Administration Building so they could speak about

their artwork. He said it would be great to have a special separate opening for the artwork like the Board had for the Norm Dicks Government Center.

The Board discussed the different art walks throughout the community and Jackson said that Port Orchard does not have one. Armstrong suggested that the Port Orchard Chamber should meet in the Administration Building when it opens. Jackson said she has sat on the Port Orchard Chamber for over two years and for some reason they don't like having their meetings after hours. Craig and Armstrong said that maybe the Chamber could have a special meeting to get the merchants of Port Orchard involved in a special artwork opening for the Administration Building. Baran-Mickle asked Jackson to see if the Chamber would like to have the Arts Board give them a presentation. Sukut and Craig said they would be willing to give the presentation. Jackson said she would ask the Chamber about it.

Armstrong felt that the Arts Board needs to do more community outreach this year.

Craig said the Arts Board should take a look at the remaining budgets of all the projects and consider putting artwork in other County facilities. Hills said she would check into getting an inventory of all County owned facilities.

Armstrong said that Stephen Yates would be painting his painting for the Administration Building using cool colors as in blues, greens, and a little red. Sukut said that he also changed his canvas, it would only weigh about 35lbs. Sukut said he has also been in contact with Rob Misel, Miller Hull Architects, regarding the hanging of the paintings in the Administration Building. Armstrong said she was unenthusiastic about the paneling that was going to be installed in the Administration Building.

Jackson asked where the funding for the artwork comes from. Baran-Mickle explained the 1% for Arts Ordinance to the new members and said they should have information in their binders regarding the Ordinance and the establishment of the Arts Board.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.