



KITSAP COUNTY ARTS BOARD

Arts Board Meeting Minutes
April 5, 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

Winifred Whitfield
District #1

Present: Bill Baran-Mickle, Chair, Wendy Armstrong, Vice Chair, Judith Craig, Larry Sukut, Mallory Jackson, Sharon Kuepfer, James Smalley, Ken VanderDoes, and Dana Hills, Staff.

I. Call to Order

a. Meeting was called to order at 3:40 P.M.

II. Read and Approve Minutes of March 1, 2006

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

III. Welcome our new Board member Winifred Whitfield

a. Rescheduled until May 3, 2006 meeting.

IV. Update on Commissioned Artists

Bill Baran-Mickle explained that Janet Neuhauser, commissioned artist for the Kitsap County Courthouse, would not be able to attend today because she had recently been in a car accident. Neuhauser was supposed to give a presentation to the Board regarding her progress on her commission with the South Kitsap photography students.

Larry Sukut said he would contact Neuhauser to see if she could attend next months meeting.

V. Update on Administration Building Schedule & Potential Courthouse Decisions

Dana Hills, staff, handed out the Kitsap County Employee Connections newsletter which gave an update on the Administration Building, Courthouse, Public Works Repairs, and the Morgue Relocation. The Board members read the handout.

Baran-Mickle stated that if the Administration Building was not occupied before June it would throw off the potentially scheduled Port Orchard Art Walk.

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for sure that starting around June 26th they won't be able to do an artwalk because that was when "Fathoms' of Fun" starts.

Larry Sukut stated that he spoke with Don Owen, Project Manger for the Administration Building, and he said the move should happen at the end of May. Sukut told the Board that would mean they would look at installing Stephen Yates painting around the beginning of June.

Jackson noted that June 17th or 18th could possibly work for the Port Orchard Artwalk. Judith Craig said she believes that was when South Kitsap High School students graduate. The Board members continued to discuss different dates for the Port Orchard Artwalk.

Wendy Armstrong asked Sukut if he had heard when the Board would be able to start hanging the other pieces of artwork in the Administration Building. Sukut stated that he had been so focused on the Yates sculpture he hadn't asked.

Sukut explained that the Administration Building had made great progress especially on the Commissioners Chambers. He stated that they were using a new ventilation system and they were trying to seal things up.

Armstrong told the Board that maybe they should push the Art Opening for the Administration Building and the Port Orchard Artwalk back to mid September.

Sukut told the Board that he thinks they need to visit the Administration Building and look at the finished walls. He stated that the downstairs wall was huge and he thought switching the location of Gary Groves and Sally Banfills paintings would look better now that he has seen the finished walls.

Jackson explained to the Board that the Port Orchard Artwalk and the art opening for the Administration Building needed to be on a Thursday or Friday since it would be a Port Orchard Chamber sponsored event. She said they should tentatively set it for September 14th or 15th or September 21st or 22nd. She noted that there were still some other calendars that she would have to take a look at to make sure those dates would work.

The Board members were comfortable with setting the Administration Building art opening and the Port Orchard artwalk for the September dates.

Baran-Mickle stated that he would really like to meet with Janet Neuhauser to see the progress of her commissioned work for the Courthouse and so the Board could give her some direction. Sukut told the Board that he believes Neuhauser plans on working through the summer on the commissioned work. Sukut said he could ask Neuhauser to send an email with a status update and ask if she could attend the Board's next meeting.

Baran-Mickle told the Board that James Kelsey's sculpture had been installed at the Fairgrounds. Judith Craig asked if he had seen if anyone had written anything negative or positive in the editorial section of the Newspaper about it

and he replied that he hadn't seen anything. Baran-Mickle said that Armstrong and himself had attended the install of Kelsey's sculpture and noticed that the edges on his sculpture were really sharp. They asked Kelsey to file the edges down before he left that day and he said he would take care of it.

Baran-Mickle stated that the Board should really push Will Robinson, David Franklin, and Frank Samuelson's installation of their artwork to the press. Ken VanderDoes asked if the County had a PR person that could send out press releases. Dana Hills, staff, told the Board that the County does and we can use her anytime we want for sending out press releases.

Armstrong told the Board she would really like to have an art brochure in place for the opening of the Administration Building.

VI. Cencom Issues

Baran-Mickle said he received information from Richard Kirton, Deputy Director of Cencom, and he brought up some interesting issues. The first issue was that the metal work outside was starting to rust.

Sukut asked if the issue with the metal was ever addressed with Michele Vanslyke on whether or not it was suppose to rust or not.

Baran-Mickle stated that he hadn't spoken with Kirton yet he wanted to address the issues with the Board first. He noted that the Board would need to find out what area and how much metal was rusting.

The second issue was that Kirton wanted to know when the Arts Board was going to spend the rest of the budget for art at Cencom.

The third issue was that there wasn't any name plaques for the artwork at the building.

The Board asked Dana Hills, staff, to obtain how much was spent on all the project buildings for framework and artwork.

The fourth issue was that Kirton wanted to know if the Board could purchase some lighting to put over some of the paintings inside the building.

The Board discussed having the artists give a description of their artwork so the Board could include it in the brochure for the particular building the artwork was in.

Sukut stated that he would stop by Cencom and look at the metal work outside.

Armstrong mentioned that maybe the Board should talk with other City and Counties to see about their maintenance issues for artwork that they have and if they have some kind of maintenance schedule. Armstrong stated that she would check into it. VanderDoes asked that Armstrong make note to ask if other

jurisdictions have different maintenance schedules for commissioned pieces and outright purchases.

The Board members discussed the hanging of the paintings for the Administration Building. Sukut stated that he would order the rods soon so they would have them for when it comes time to hang the paintings.

VanderDoes asked what the protocol was now that we do have remaining money in project budgets for artwork. Baran-Mickle said he thought the Board would use the artist database instead of doing a call for a particular building.

Craig mentioned that she thinks for the remaining budget for Cencom the Board should ask the Cencom employees what they would like in regards to artwork at their building. The Board members thought that was a great idea.

Baran-Mickle said he would call Kirton and discuss the different issues with him but asked if any of the Board members had a chance to stop by Cencom they should ask to see Kirton and talk with him.

Armstrong told the Board she would start working on the brochures for the buildings.

Smalley told the Board he would stop by Evergreen Trophies to find out about getting name plaques made for the artwork at Cencom.

VII. Other

Baran-Mickle asked that the Board members read the email from Pam Ransier who was with the City of Bremerton regarding the Bremerton Arts Commission. The email was asking for some of the Kitsap County Arts Board members to attend their meeting they were having on April 20th at 5:00 PM. Craig and VanderDoes said that they would attend the meeting. The Board asked Hills to find out if there was anything in particular the Bremerton Arts Commission may want to know so they could have answers ready for them at the meeting.

Armstrong passed out Arts Board business cards to the Board members that she created for each of them.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM.