

PULLMAN ARTS COMMISSION
4 p.m. - November 9, 2006 - Neill Public Library
Revised version

In attendance: Kathleen Bodley, Chris Bruce, Linda Hartford, Fritz Hughes, Andriette Pieron, Anna Maria Shannon, and Becky Thorgaard. *Guest:* Mayor Glenn Johnson

The meeting opened with tea, small cakes, and fine chocolates, courtesy of Andriette Pieron. **Guest Mayor Glenn Johnson** was acknowledged and thanked for attending.

Old Business:

Review and approval of the **minutes** from October. A short discussion of the efforts supporting the passage of **Proposition 1** and the benefits it will bring to Pullman, took place.

Linda Hartford has taken digital **pictures of all the art pieces in the community**. These can be used in a variety of ways, including in a PowerPoint presentation, showing potential placement of sculpture in various sites around Pullman. Kathleen plans to present a PPT show to City Council illustrating the beauty of sculpture already in place in Bellevue, and future potential locations for sculpture in Pullman. Glenn J. suggested the PPT be shown at a Feb. 2007 Council meeting.

Fritz reported the school district has possession of the **Harold Balasz** sculpture that was previously situated at the old Lincoln Middle School entryway. Bob Hanley hopes to move it to a new location (to be specified by the PAC) after repairs are made. Chris suggested Tim Doebler, sculptor at WSU, to salvage and possibly install the piece. After an assessment, call Mr. Balasz to ask for further advice. Who owns the piece? The school district? Anna Maria will contact Paul Stern for an answer. Kathleen suggests placing the sculpture in the City Hall upper courtyard. Andriette did not think it was an appropriate piece for the library courtyard.

Comment: the new parking lot by the Spot Shop has relieved parking in other locations.

New Business:

Kathleen passed around the **grant request** for beginning monies to **install the fish frieze**. Included was a rough diagram of suggested installation at High St. Plaza. The frieze, approx. 6'x6', with the concrete encasement, would also serve to hide the meters and dumpster in the alley behind the apartments.

Kathleen asked Glenn: how do we get this installed? Glenn mentioned a few options, but **installation must go out for bid** through the City. **\$15,000** is the very rough estimate for installation. The frieze is paid for. (The Library has donated the frieze to Pullman Civic Trust.) Fund raising efforts have started, including an appeal for donations through the PCT newsletter. Campus On the Run has given funds in the past to a variety of civic efforts; this request would be a group effort of PAC, PCT, and the Library.

Spring Banners for downtown Pullman: Kathleen suggests requesting Andy Sewell's Art be used. (Becky talked to Andy; he will submit a proposal for new art, rather than using previously created art.) Poppies were suggested as the Spring theme, as they are one of the plantings along the RiverWalk and a poppy photo is used predominantly in the PCT brochure. It was agreed appropriate to support a local artist or photographer rather than holding a contest.

Fritz reported on the blue snowflake banner expense: \$3500, Avista donated \$2500. These were 1 color. De Julio out of Kent, WA was the vendor. Becky will inquire re: cost for 4-color work. Glenn suggested approaching service clubs to buy a few banners. Alan Davis has the banner dimensions and number of poles available. Fritz: "What streets are we bannerizing?" A mock-up will be supplied for area businesses, which wish to contribute.

New Members: To replace Tracy Brelsford, Patrick Siler has been suggested. Glenn encouraged PAC to move ahead. A conversation with Patrick indicates he is interested and will apply. Becky will provide him with necessary forms. Rod Schwartz was also mentioned, as he has a keen interest in the performing arts pavilion slated for Sunnyside Park. Glenn Johnson said he's already tagged Rod, for a committee within the Parks Commission.

PAC Terms of Office: Lengths of terms were discussed, who had how many years to go, who will be coming back on PAC, etc. Michael Ann and Anna-Maria will check further into who will be up for renewal.

Kathleen proposed PAC become known as an advisory council: PAC to work with the City or other organizations if they are looking for additional expertise, or a citizen approaches the City and the City, for instance, feels PAC can be of assistance, especially when sensitive issues are in question. Discussion followed, citing an example of differing esthetic values. Andriette summarized: if there are differing opinions on esthetics, then PAC can offer some place to defer. More discussion.

Becky asked if an artists resource guide does exist? Commission members cited several sources with partial or all listed, but not necessarily up to date. The intent of the question is to find out what is available that supports the arts in the community, or what generates community awareness for all the arts - in Pullman. Taking such a list to the Web was suggested, being linked from the City, Library, Chamber of Commerce, WA Arts Comm. and other Websites. An inexpensive flyer was also suggested, available in public places. Anna Maria mentioned several sources, including a Palouse Resource Guide, which sends out annual updates. Andriette said she would approach those who put together the Palouse Resource Guide.

Wrap up: Glenn said PAC does not have to meet every month; it's OK to cancel, in December, for instance. Kathleen asked about committees (especially if there is no quorum). Glenn said we can form a committee as needed, made up of 3 members or less.

It was suggested Patrick Siler be asked to attend the next meeting as a guest.
Next meeting: December 14, 2006 at the Library.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Thorgaard, secretary

Anna Maria Simon, Chair