



Meeting MINUTES – From October 11, 2007
Neill Public Library - Pullman, WA 99163

In Attendance: Chris Bruce, Kathleen Bodley, Linda Hartford, Fritz Hughes, Anna Maria Shannon, Patrick Siler, Rebecca Thorgaard. ***On leave:*** Andriette Pieron. ***Guests:*** Boone Helm, Jerry McCollum, Christine Havens.

Minutes: Approved September Minutes.

Guest Jerry McCollum introduced himself as a professional photographer, teacher, and supporter of the arts. His studio and business includes photography, sculpture, and fine art and photography reproduction using the Giclée digital printmaking method. His **seminars and workshops include fine art marketing**. Jerry proposed offering such a workshop with PAC endorsement and support (i.e.: mailing lists), with half the proceeds to go to PAC. Jerry's experience with fine art and working with artists and studios is extensive. KB mentioned Artist Trust offers workshops, sometimes in Spokane, but never in SE WA (Whitman Co.). PAC discussion followed, asking for a formal proposal. Jerry suggested a Feb-Mar date, saying a full day is needed for a successful workshop. 50-60 usually attend, he would provide all the materials. Kathleen & Becky have agreed to discuss further and continue to work on details. Christine Havens, co-owner of Wawawai Canyon Winery, has offered as a donation her tasting room as a workshop/reception location (for any PAC functions!) She noted the Winery has ongoing art exhibits showcasing regional artists, exhibiting in the wine-tasting room. (Christine, an artist and vintner from Walla Walla, has produced art pieces in several media, including bronze.) Jerry added that his relationship with several artist-clients include the use of their prints as fund-raisers, suitable for art auction, i.e.

Old Business:

***Fish Frieze:** Kathleen gave an update, pouring of concrete for the wall should happen around the end of October. Installation of the frieze will depend on weather.

***Fund Raising Task Force:** Nothing to report. AM commented there needs to be more people on the committee. Boone Helm has left the area to pursue professional opportunities; he was looking into fundraising opportunities for PAC.

***Banners:** Rebecca provided additional information of hand-painted banner projects from Anacortes area, where professionals were involved in one project and children in another. The handout listed estimates, suggested paints and fabrics, and things to think about if the project includes involving school-aged youth. RT is in contact with the company that created the other 3 sets of Pullman banners = DeGulio Banners & Displays. Discussion followed, including permanence, quality, weather, technique, themes, and judging. CB, KB, and RT are in support of having the printing professionally done. The question was reviewed: what are we trying to accomplish? Community involvement? Tourism attraction? Beautification? Identity? LH would like to see some exciting designs. Anna-Maria, Rebecca, Chris, and Linda volunteered to be the banner committee with input from Shanti regarding middle school participation. // It was noted Colfax is conducting a banner design competition – "In the Palouse Country" – 10 designs will be chosen and the remaining designs being auctioned off. // Christine mentioned Walla Walla, students were involved with painting the bottom of the city swimming pool after a winning design by area artists was chosen. // Meeting times will be posted. AMS noted the need to go into the community for additional funds.

***Balasz Sculpture:** AMS is communicating with Pullman School District; repairs are moving along slowly. Nick Meisel will include his Fine Arts students to watch Harold Balasz at work in the studio.

New Business:

***Mapping Project:** KB & RT, on both Pullman Civic Trust and PAC, walked the Downtown Riverwalk to identify possible locations for sculpture. To better mark the Path where it breaks for streets, KB & RT suggested erecting 8-10 Ft. high **obelisks** on both sides of the trail. Colorful streamers coming out of the top would provide an exciting, colorful, fun way of marking the trail. CB suggests metal that can be re-painted. KB & RT will pursue the obelisk idea further.

Sculpture designs: more suggestions: (RT provided photo of sculpture of a couple kissing along Olympia's waterfront. An interactive fountain overlooking Capital Lake attracts many.) Possibly place life-size sculpture waiting for the bus, leaning against a bench along the river, or in Pine St. Plaza. Pullman's sculpture needs to stay in the downtown area to begin with. Across from Swilleys, 6 new pine trees have been planted by Pullman Civic Trust, sculpture along that bank would be an attraction. **WSU student**

sculpture could be placed in City Hall mall across from police station. Profs. Ann Christensen and Nick Meisel are the ones to contact. For a small amount a year, possibly the city could purchase a piece of student work. // AMS added PONCHO (Seattle) is an organization that provides grants and funding ops to artist groups. PONCHO offers a possible funding source.

***Historic District:** New banner images have been circulated: verbiage includes College Hill Historic District, date established, etc. A re-work of the Smith house is prominently in the center of the banner. The College Hill Historic District had solicited input from PAC.

***International NW Partners meeting:** AMS & Chris Bruce attended in Seattle. Of note: art in the community relates to dollars. The Arts are included in a vitality index. AMS and Tammy Lewis – Palouse EDC – will be making a presentation in March to City Council regarding the importance of art in the community.

***Bridge Lights:** The red lights need to go, as they are poorly hung. Somewhere are boxes of white lights that have been purchased by PCT and need to be put up. John Sherman & Mayor recommend WSU lighting crew string white lights. KB and AMS will pursue.

Additional: Patrick Siler, PAC board member, had a very successful art opening at the Bank Left Gallery in Palouse. His exhibit includes paintings drawing, and sculpture. Congratulations Patrick!

Handouts: DeGulio Banner & Display notes

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Rebecca Thorgaard, PAC Secretary

November 7, 2007

Banners – more info: Rita from DeGulio Displays called Rebecca 10/17/07 with additional information regarding hand-painted designs starting with blank banners (DeGulio will sew blanks to required size for existing hardware on Pullman downtown poles, and apply grommets)

City of Arlington banner project:

Marine Acrylic Fabric Banners = "Sunbrella" brand name for fabric

Recommended application: Prime unpainted banners using (white) Latex outdoor house paint

Colors: also exterior latex house paint

No fading occurred – the banners look like new, going up for a 2nd year.

Painting goes faster if designs are projected, outlined in pencil, then painted on the banner blank

The Arlington Arts Council picked 8-10 banner designs

Students had to commit to coming in after school

Sarah Hegge – worked with Middle School students

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Sarah had contacted Camano Island / Stanwood who had used professional artists for an earlier project. They assisted Sarah in her banner project with the students.

RT

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