

PULLMAN ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes from February 8, 2007 Meeting
4:00 pm – Young Conference Room, Pullman Library

IN ATTENDANCE:

Guests: **Debi Robinson-Smith** - Assistant Director Women's Resource Center/WSU, and **Kim Barrett** – WRC Special Events Coordinator and representing WSU's **YWCA**. **Ann Heath** - member of the **Pullman City Council**.

PAC: Kathleen Bodley, Chris Bruce, Linda Hartford, Anna-Maria Shannon, Andriette Pieron, Becky Thorgaard. **Excused:** Fritz Hughes. **Absent:** Patrick Siler

The meeting was called to order by Chair Anna-Maria Shannon. Introductions were made. Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Guest Debi Robinson-Smith reviewed the YWCA project: School-age children are to **submit artwork** for competition, **12 pieces** will be chosen for **each year for three years**. Finalists will transfer their art to **6'x6' canvases** forming a banner/ wall hanging. The proposed theme is **civil rights, human rights**. These banners could be displayed multiple times, ie: traveling exhibits, events such as National Lentil Festival, or hang on gym walls in each participating school or in the K-House. The project has grown from art pieces to the current banner project. Debi approached PAC for volunteers and committee members. This will be discussed further at the March meeting. Andriette proposed **PAC** could help **judge** the drawings, while making the banners will be a large project. Debi added there is a group of YWCA women ready to tie it together. The project would make a statement about **Pullman's commitment to civil rights and supporting diversity in our citizenship**.

DRS will be talking to companies for donations of materials, ie: canvas. Also, **United Way has funds** for projects within the YWCA. PAC suggested a statement be issued to the **press** as well as developing a **brochure** to explain and promote the project.

Kim mentioned the **Reinterpreting Reality exhibit** to be hung in the **WSU Museum of Anthropology**, College Hall, from **March 1 to March 22**. **Kim Barrett** can be reached at 509.335.4386.

OLD BUSINESS: **Anna-Maria Shannon and Patrick Siler visited with PSD's Superintendent, Paul Sturm, LMS Principal, Bill Motsenbocker and HS Art Instructor, Rob McPherson.** At this time, PSD is **not** willing to let go of the **Balasz sculpture** to PAC. Patrick and Andriette learned that the **high school** is working on developing a **sculpture garden** and plans to include the Balasz piece. Rob McPherson asked if there would be some way to link the high school garden with the downtown sculpture efforts. Rob's intent is to get his students to work on sculpture for the garden. (The WSAC art throughout Pullman needs to be inventoried.) WSU **Landscape Architecture** students are enthused, as they will be **presenting designs** for the sculpture garden.

March 20, 2007 is the date set for the PAC Powerpoint presentation to **City Council, 7:30 pm**. PAC members are encouraged to attend. AMS, Kathleen, and Becky will put it together, and will include photos of **sculpture in other communities**, sculpture and **art in Pullman**, and will **propose ideas and locations** for future artwork. AMS asked Ann Heath what City Council would like to see PAC present. (it was suggested we add the YWCA project to the presentation.) Ann Heath would like to see where art could go in Pullman, i.e. High St. Mall. KB mentioned she has photos of sculpture in Bellevue and Walla Walla; Linda Hartford took photos of most exterior pieces in Pullman. These will come together in the presentation and **"will help get people thinking about outdoor art in Pullman"** – Linda H. Ann Heath suggests a future brochure

highlighting pieces as in a **self-guided tour**. PAC will not include WSU's sculpture in the PPT. But **Tom Otter's Straw Bale people** will be used as examples of art in Pullman locations. Fulfs Farm and the north entrance to Pullman were 2 suggested locations for possible Otter pieces. Kristos was mentioned. His orange walls of fabric banners were installed in NY's Central Park, which attracted many visitors.

The Salmon Wall: KB says city engineer Dale Rogers is sticking to his **\$15,000** estimate to install the fish frieze into a cement retaining/ installation wall, that will also serve to hide city services and utilities behind Taco del Mar. PCT will be donating \$3000, Lori and Rich Galen have donated \$1000, and more donations are coming in from Friends of the Library, Catherine Clark, and from the Shirrod Foundation. Funds will be funneled through PCT as it is a private (non-city), non-profit organization.

A sub-committee will establish fund raising guidelines – ie: levels of giving and how to recognize donors and artists. (Bronze plaque? Engraved brick?) Ann Heath reminded PAC that City Council needs to approve any art work to be installed on city property. AMS recommended we put a hold on fund-raising efforts until City Council approves PAC proposals after the March 20 presentation. Ann Heath reminded PAC that materials have to be in the council members packets before the meeting on March 20 if there is a motion involved. PAC needs approval of the fish frieze installation before we can proceed. The artist, will be in attendance. Discussion followed regarding potential locations, formalities in approaching City Council with a request, and other art efforts in the area.

Kathleen started discussion about a **cooperative arts event** between **Pullman and surrounding communities**, including museums (WSU Museum of Art, Lewis-Clark Center for Arts), art galleries (Pritchard, Bank Left, Above the Rim, Colfax Library), working studios (Dahmen Barn), Women's Causcuses. We could choose a date and have a **rotating opening and movable feast**. If PAC organized, it would be a media opportunity for PAC as well. To be continued.

Of Note: **Kathleen Bodley** has been asked by city planner Mark Workman to sit on the **Pavilion Committee**, representing PAC. A feasibility study will be funded by the renewal of the Bond passed in November 2006. PAC felt it was important to have a PAC member on the committee.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Thorgaard, secretary
Pullman Arts Commission

Future PAC meetings:
April 12, May 10, June 14
Young Conference Room
Pullman Public Library

Presentation to City Council
March 20, 7:30 pm, Council Chambers