

City of St. Helens
Arts & Cultural Commission
Wednesday, July 22 , 2009, 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting, City Hall – Council Chambers

<p><u>Members Present</u> Anne Parrott Jarred Kearsley Pam Powell</p> <p><u>Councilors in Attendance</u> None</p> <p><u>Staff Present</u> John Walter, Library Director Heidi Davis, Minutes Secretary</p>	<p><u>Members Absent</u> Amy Williams Cathy Lambert Rob Heaton</p> <p><u>Staff Absent</u> None</p> <p><u>Guests</u> None</p>
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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by Commissioner Powell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **motion** to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2009, meeting was made by Commissioner Parrott, seconded by Commissioner Kearsley, and approved unanimously.

VISITORS TO THE COMMISSION

There were no visitors to the Commission.

REVIEW OF APRIL 2009 FISCAL REPORT

The fiscal report for June 2009 was reviewed. Powell asked about the possibility of getting the reports in a more user-friendly format. Staff representative Walter will look into that.

OLD BUSINESS

Art Project Updates

Gallery Corridor project.

Parrott updated the commission on purchasing poles for the project. Public Works Director Goodman quoted \$225 per pole, plus \$170 for shipping, for a total of \$620. Goodman needs a purchase order before he can purchase the poles. Walter will work with Mayor Peterson to get the purchase order prepared.

Parrott made a **motion** to have a purchase order prepared for the poles. Kearsley seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Parrott also reported that artist Vicki Wilson is about half done with her banner. Parrott shared photos. She has not heard from artist Zoé Bacon but assumes the project is in process.

Arts & Eats Festival.

Powell asked if anyone had heard any updates regarding the Arts & Eats Festival. No one has heard anything. It was discussed that with the short lead time now available to them and the lack of communication with the planning committee, they were not inclined to take part in the festival. The commission believes the dates to be August 8 & 9.

Rapture of Scrupture.

There was discussion about the Rapture of Scrupture contest. Lack of publicity and difficulty communicating with Keith Locke regarding an ok to take part in Fourth of July activities was mentioned. Also, there was supposed to be a Gazette issue prior to the fourth that didn't publish. There was also confusion of whether or not the fireworks would even take place.

Powell suggested that next spring the commission discuss the possibility of staging the Rapture of Scrupture contest apart from the fireworks or any other program, rather than contingent upon an event the City isn't sure will actually take place. Parrott suggested the Kiwanis Parade or 13 Nights on the River. This topic will be carried over to an early spring agenda.

Two prizes were awarded at this year's show: Roy McMurray—Adult and Landen Stroh—17 and under. Phil Barlow had agreed to be a judge for the event but didn't show up.

Walter inquired about checks for the winners. Powell and Parrott said they thought Kim Bauer had taken care of that.

Other updates

Membership.

It was discussed that Rob Heaton has missed three meetings in a row and attended only one of six meetings held this year. Powell suggested that the decision to forward a recommendation to Council be held over until the next meeting when more commissioners would be in attendance. Kearsley asked if anyone had contacted Heaton and was assured that several attempts were made to reach him.

Powell asked about other potential members. Walter will send Amber Dennis a request to put a small article into the Gazette regarding the need for another Arts commissioner. He will also talk with her about getting the names of the winners of Rapture of Scrupture into the Gazette.

NEW BUSINESS

Five-year plan.

Powell asked if there was a sub-committee for this project. There is not; Powell asked Parrott if she would work with her to get it updated. Parrott agreed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Walter has been concerned about the lack of **art at the library and Columbia Center**. There are empty display cases. He suggested that art be displayed and be voted on, perhaps as

another event for this summer. There is a group responsible for the art, but they haven't been very active. Walter would like to see the Arts Commission be involved in the process. Parrott suggested working with the Art Guild. Powell asked if the commissioners would be interested in jurying a show staged at the Columbia Center. They agreed by consensus. At Powell's suggestion, the commission asked Walter to inquire about the possibility of getting more involved with the art displays at the Columbia Center. Powell suggested that prior to the holiday season, they stage a show of local work for purchase. The commission will need to set some parameters. Powell also suggested purchasing a permanent piece for the Library or the Council Chambers.

Kearsley asked if there had been any more information about the **Ford Foundation fountain** project. No one knew anything definite beyond the presentation at the last commission meeting.

Parrott will not be at the next meeting. Commissioners were reminded that they need to call either Kim Bauer or John Walter if they will not be in **attendance at a scheduled meeting**.

Walter will send Heaton an e-mail regarding his intent to continue with the commission. He will also inform him of the commission's decision not to participate in the Arts & Eats Festival because they have not heard anything definite. They are assuming there will be no festival.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 26, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.** at City Council Chambers, City Hall, 265 Strand Street, St. Helens (Plaza entrance).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Powell at 7:08 p.m.

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Submitted by:

Heidi Davis
Minutes Secretary

Approved by the Commission _____ 09-23-09

Accepted by the City Council _____ 11-4-09

2009 Arts & Cultural Commission Attendance Record

P = Present A = Absent

Date	Lambert	Powell	Williams	Heaton	Parrott	Maggi	Vacant
1/28/09 regular meeting	P	P	P	A	P	A	
2/25/09 regular meeting	No quorum – no meeting						
3/25/09 regular meeting	P	P	A	A	P	A	
4/22/09 regular meeting	P	P	P	P	P	A	
Date	Lambert	Powell	Williams	Heaton	Parrott	Vacant	Vacant
5/21/09 regular meeting**	P	P	P	A	P		
Date	Lambert	Powell	Williams	Heaton	Parrott	Kearsley	Vacant
6/24/09 regular meeting	P	P	P	A	P	P	
7/22/09 regular meeting	A	P	A	A	P	P	
8/26/09 regular meeting							
9/23/09 regular meeting							
10/28/09 regular meeting							
11/19/09 regular meeting*							
12/17/09 regular meeting*							

*meeting rescheduled to Thursday to accommodate holiday schedules

**meeting rescheduled from May 27, 2009