

Pierce County Community Connections Arts Commission Meeting

January 5, 2012

Pierce County Community Connections
Soundview Conference Room 1
3602 Pacific Avenue
Tacoma, WA 98418

Commissioners Present:

Debra Christnacht, Commission Member
Zakiyyah Cordell, Commission Member
Lucy Schwartz, Commission Member
Debra Sidor Tanner, Commission Member
Katy Stone, Commission Member

Staff Present:

Nicholas Nyland, Pierce County Community Connections
Erin McDonough, Pierce County Community Connections
Sheree Clark, Pierce County Economic Development
Scott Hall, Pierce County Parks & Recreation

Commissioners Excused:

Kerri O’Farrell, Commission Member
Kimatha Kesner, Commission Member

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order at 4:39pm by Debra Sidor Tanner. Debra filled in as Chair for Kerri O’Farrell who was excused from this meeting.	Informational.
Approval of Minutes:	The group reviewed and approved the Arts Commission minutes from October 6, 2011.	Minutes approved.
Commissioner Update:	Update of Commission Members: Debra announced that Errol Alexander has been removed from the Arts Commission due to 3 unexcused absences.	Informational.
Introduction and Welcome of New Members:	Introductions: Debra introduced Zakiyyah Cordell as a new member to the Arts Commission. Zakiyyah is filling an At-Large position. Zakiyyah is new to Washington and is originally from California. She works for Puget Sound Educational Service District (PCESD) as an Early Learning Coordinator. Her main focus is in performing arts where she enjoys working with smaller children ages 0-5.	Welcome Zakiyyah!
2012 Public Art Project Funding Recommendation:	2012 Public Arts Project - Mobile Performance Stage, Scott Hall: At the last Arts Commission meeting, Scott Hall and Janel Krilich presented to the group regarding the mobile stage project that they would like the Arts Commission to fund in 2012. The Commissioners had a chance to discuss the funding recommendations since the last meeting and will be making a decision this evening. Scott passed around the final mobile stage bid recommendation.	Funding Approved.

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	<p>The bid information can be found here. Century Industries came in as the lowest bid that met all of the specifications. The base unit price with tax was \$92,794.61. The mobile stage can be used at a number of County owned parks including Chambers Bay, Frontier Park, Lake Tapps & Spanaway Park. If graphics are placed on the inside, they can easily be covered up for stage performances. The final recommendations can be found here. Once orders are in place there is a 90-120 day wait for delivery. A question was asked whether the skirt that goes around the bottom of the stage was flame resistant. Scott will find that out from the Company (Scott emailed the following morning that the skirt is treated and is flame retardant). The committee asked that Scott and staff members of Parks and Recreation update the Arts Commission of events happening with the mobile stage regularly. Debra Sidor Tanner made a motion to approve the proposal of \$150,000 to Century Industries for the construction of the Pierce County Parks and Recreation Mobile Stage. Debra Christnacht seconded the motion. All those present were in favor. Motion passed.</p>	
	<p>Graphics for Mobile Stage, Commissioners and Staff: The Pierce County Arts Commission will be in charge of the graphic design elements of the mobile stage. The group decided to have graphic designers submit proposals to the Arts Commission. The Commission will then choose a designer that best fits their needs. It was discussed that the mobile stage will include County logos on the outside mesh banners and on 2 of the 4 exterior walls. Scott will get a date from the company as to when the graphics need to be complete (Scott emailed the following morning and stated that once the bid is awarded, the Commission will have 30 days to get a graphic design back to the company).</p>	Informational.
Reports & Discussions:	<p>Transition of PCAC from Community Connections to Economic Development, Commissioners and Staff: The move of the Arts Commission has not yet officially happened. The move will take place at the end of January. Nicholas will slowly begin to phase out of his role with the Arts Commission. The move is taking place by lead of the County Executive. Economic Development will also manage the tourism promotion program.</p>	Informational.
Work Session:	<p>Work Planning Session, Commissioners: The Arts Commission members will discuss when a work session can take place via email. The work session will include discussions on graphic designers and the move to Economic Development.</p>	Informational.
Art Show:	<p>PSESD Art Show, Commissioners: The annual PSESD Art Show of Pierce County and King County will take place on February 8-20, 2012 with an awards ceremony on March 18, 2012. Typically the Arts Commission sends 2-3 members to volunteer as judges or presenters. The following Arts Commissioners volunteered.</p>	Informational.

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| <p><u>Judges:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucy Schwartz • Kimatha Kesner | <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zakiyyah Cordell • Debra Sidor Tanner |
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Advocacy Reports:	Advocacy Update, Commissioners: There are no new members in the process at the moment. Debra C. has encouraged some individuals who seemed very interested to apply. Katy added a blurb in her Christmas letter regarding vacancies on the Commission.	Informational.
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Art Bank Artists Reception:	Artist’s Reception, Commissioners: The Artist reception for the 2012 art bank purchases will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 5:00pm. The event will be at the Pierce County Executive’s office (CCB 7th Floor Rainier Room). Light refreshments will be provided. Nicholas will be installing the artist’s work next week at the Executive’s office.	Informational.
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Cultural Plan:	Pierce County Arts Cultural Plan, Deborah Sidor Tanner: Debra passed around an overview of the Pierce County Cultural Plan. If you would like a copy of Debra’s synopsis of the document please email Nicholas at nnyland@co.pierce.wa.us .	Informational.
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Next Meeting Agenda Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Networking (Facebook, Blog etc.) <p>If any members have any additional agenda items that they would like to discuss or corrections to the minutes, please send those items to Nicholas nnyland@co.pierce.wa.us or Erin at Emcdono@co.pierce.wa.us 2 weeks prior to the meeting date.</p>	
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Adjournment:	<p>The meeting was adjourned by Debra Sidor Tanner at 6:10pm.</p> <p>The next official meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2012 at 4:30 P.M.</p>	
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Erin McDonough, Office Assistant