

Minutes
Pierce County Arts Commission
Division of Arts and Cultural Services
Department of Community Services

January 7, 2010

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by President Bonnie Egbert.

Commissioners Present

John Bugg
Marie Moren
Chris Van Vechten
Bonnie Egbert
Sharon McBride
Leslie White

Commissioners Excused

Beth Willis

Staff Present

Marlette Buchanan
Kathy Benson

Guests

Marc Goldring - WolfBrown
Claudia Bach - Advisarts

MSP to approve the agenda.

MSP to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as published.

2. Action Items

A. Cultural Planning Update

Marc and Claudia gave an overview of the activities undertaken to date, including interviews, community meetings, the community forum and cultural mapping. The process is now at the approximate half-way point.

A discussion was held regarding the “Findings and Questions” document prepared by WolfBrown. Commissioners were asked to identify the four questions of highest importance each of them and submit the results to Marc and Claudia.

2. Reports

A. Advocacy Reports

Sharon attended a silent auction of local artists’ works at Crescent Moon Gifts on Sixth Avenue. Most of the artwork was fantasy-themed.

Marie and an artist friend visited the Cultural Arts Center site in Ashford. She also mentioned that she hopes to attend this year's Cultural Congress. It is being held April 26-28 at the Skamania Lodge on the Columbia River Gorge.

Bonnie has been collecting information about the arts in her area. She also notified the Commission of a current exhibit at the UPS library on Books as Art.

Chris reminded everyone of upcoming school levy elections in Tacoma and some other districts.

B. Manager's Report

Marlette advised that there is no new information available about the potential merger of Community Services and Human Services.

The commissioners discussed potential advocacy efforts concerning the possible merger and the Cultural Plan.

4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.