

Pierce County Community Connections Arts Commission Meeting

October 6, 2011
Pierce County Community Connections
Soundview Conference Room 1
3602 Pacific Avenue
Tacoma, WA 98418

Present: Tony Tipton, Pierce County
Denise Rothleutner, Pierce County
Nicholas Nyland, Pierce County
Erin McDonough, Pierce County
Debra Christnacht, Commission Member
Kimatha Kesner, Commission Member
Kerri O’Farrell, Commission Member
Katy Stone, Commission Member
Debra Sidor Tanner, Commission Member
Scott Hall, Pierce County Parks and Recreation
Janel Krilich, Pierce County Parks and Recreation
Zakiyyah Cordell, Guest

Excused: Lucy Schwartz, Commission Member

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Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order at 4:37pm by Tony Tipton. The group elected Kerri O’Farrell to lead the meeting until official elections can take place. Commissioners and guests went over the agenda. No changes were made.	Informational.
Approval of Minutes:	No official minutes were available for approval.	Informational.
Introduction and Welcome of New Members:	<p>Introductions: The Pierce County Arts Commission has five (5) new members they would like to welcome! Below is a brief description about each member.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Debra Christnacht, District 6: Debra is a performing musician with the Tacoma Concert Band and a music teacher. ▪ Kimatha Kesner, District 3: Kimatha is an Artist whose work is currently being displayed at Freighthouse Square in Tacoma. ▪ Katy Stone, At Large: Katy is a Photographer and an art teacher at Charles Wright Academy in Tacoma. ▪ Debra Sidor Tanner, District 7: Debra is an Administrator at Pierce College. Graduated in Museum Studies. ▪ Kerri O’Farrell, At Large: Kerri owns a production company called Two 	Informational.

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Staff Introduction:	Denise Rothleutner, Staff: Denise is the Indirect Services Manager for Pierce County Community Connections. She is going to be the primary contact staff member along with Nicholas and Erin for the Arts Commission. Tony Tipton was the Interim Deputy Director of Community Connections, but will be moving on to other projects in the near future.	Informational.
Elections:	Elections, Tony Tipton: Typically the Arts Commission President and Vice President are elected for a one (1) year term, and can serve an additional one (1) year if they wish. Tony went over the roles of each position with the Commission members. The President has the role of primary contact for staff members. The President will work with staff members to build an agenda for each meeting. The President will conduct each Arts Commission meeting. The Vice President will serve in place of the President if they are not available. Kerri O’Farrell offered to serve as President for a term ending July 12, 2012. Kimatha Kesner made a motion to approve Kerri O’Farrell as President. Katy Stone seconded the motion. All those present were in favor. Motion passed. Debra Sidor-Tanner offered to serve as Vice-President for a term ending July 12, 2012. Kerri O’Farrell made a motion to approve Debra Sidor-Tanner as Vice-President. Debra Christnacht seconded the motion. All those present were in favor. Motion passed.	Kerri O’Farrell will serve as President and Debra Sidor-Tanner will serve as Vice-President.
Art Bank 2010 Purchase Recommendation:	Art Bank 2010 Purchase Recommendation, Nicholas Nyland: Nicholas passed out a handout that went over the selection process and recommendations for the 2010 Art Bank purchases. The handout is attached. Due to the Arts Commission not having a quorum this past year, the recommendations have not been able to be approved or denied until now. A PowerPoint was shown to display the art that is recommended for purchase this year. The PowerPoint is attached. Debra Sidor-Tanner made a motion to approve the 2010 Art Bank purchases. Kerri O’Farrell seconded the motion. All those present were in favor. Motion passed. The Art pieces that will be purchased will be displayed in public facilities throughout Pierce County. Commission members expressed their interest in holding a meet and greet type of reception with the artists to thank them for their patience and congratulate their work. Staff and Commission members will work on getting something scheduled before the first of the year.	Art Bank Purchase Recommendation passed.
Reports & Discussions:	Membership – Recruitment & Applicants, Staff and Commissioners: The Pierce County Arts Commission currently has seven (7) members with one (1) member in process. The Arts Commission can consist of up to 13 members. Staff encouraged Commissioners to recruit anyone they feel may have an interest. Staff will continue to send out vacancy notices to the community in hopes of getting new members. Vacancies are available for all Council districts. Applications can be found on the Arts Commission website at	Informational.

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<http://oz.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/oz/index.cfm>.

Budget, Tony Tipton: A handout was made available to Commissioners that goes over the Arts and Cultural Services budget. Staff members have been going through the 2012 budget process for Pierce County. Staff members have worked hard this year advocating for the Arts Commission and were able to convince the Executive to add \$15,000 to the Fund-111 Arts and Cultural Services budget. The extra dollars will be available for the Commission to Provide a number of services or support in the arts community. This brings the total budget to \$50,000 for 2012 Fund 111- Arts and Cultural Services. This budget is not yet final. It will need to go to the County Council for final approval. Staff encouraged Commission members to contact Council members in their district to advocate for those additional dollars placed in the budget. Another budget fund available to the Commission is Fund-303 – 1% Arts Construction Fund. If any qualifying construction project takes place in Pierce County, 1% of the total budget of the project will be used for public art projects. The only purchase made in 2011 would be the Arts Bank pieces. If the projected \$10,000 Art Bank purchase in 2012 is made, that would leave \$145,000 in estimated cash balance at 12/31/2012. Informational.

<p>Public Art Projects:</p>	<p>Ashford Park, Mobile Performance Stage, Scott Hall and Janel Krilich: Scott Hall and Janel Krilich presented to the Arts Commission group regarding a project they would like the Arts Commission to fund in 2012. The PowerPoint presentation is attached. The project information sheet is attached. Scott mentioned that there is a banners package available. Scott would like the Arts Commissioners input on a graphics package and ways to incorporate the Arts Commission and local artists into this project. There was question on who would schedule use of the mobile. Scott stated that a staff member from Parks and Recreation will be designated as a booking Coordinator for this project. In the future, once a group has established a weekend they would like to use the mobile stage for, they will be offered that same weekend the following year. For the first year or two Parks and Recreation’s mobile stage would not be available as a rental. Their hopes are that this mobile stage would be used year round. The mobile stage will remain in Pierce County and will only be used for Pierce County activities. Parks and Recreation are not yet in the process of bidding. The mobile is made up of mostly aluminum and has a weatherproof coating on it. With the extensions the stage would be able to hold the Tacoma Symphony group. If a multi-day event was held at a Pierce County park, staff members will be available to stay with the mobile. Tony mentioned that the County insures assets such as this. The Parks and Recreation Department compared the price of the mobile stage versus one permanent stage. The cost is about the same, but the mobile stage allows the opportunity for more people throughout the County to enjoy it. Nicholas brought up that the Seed Money laid out in the budget will not qualify for the 1% fund since it is not a capital expense. All numbers in the project information sheet are estimates made off</p>	<p>Informational.</p>
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of Scott’s research. Tony stated that it is the Arts Commissioners role to listen to proposals such as the one above and decide whether it is beneficial to the arts community in Pierce County. If the Commissioners support the projects that are proposed they will then submit a recommendation to the County Executive and Council. The Commissioners decided that they would further discuss this project at the November work session.

Art Bank 2012, Nicholas Nyland & Tony Tipton: Due to time constraints this agenda item will be moved to the next meeting. Informational.

Work Session: Commission Work Session, Tony Tipton: Staff will work with the Commissioners to schedule a work session in November. Members will discuss the Ashford Park, Mobile Performance Stage project at that time. Informational.

Next Meeting Agenda Items: If any members have 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.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Kerri O’Farrell at 6:16pm.

The next official meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2012 at 4:30 P.M. A work session will be held in November for Commission members and staff.

Erin McDonough, Office Assistant