



PULLMAN ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 8, 2007

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

MINUTES from February, with minor corrections, were approved by Fritz and seconded.

HANDOUTS: Anna-Maria provided WSAC Art in Public Places listing of pieces in Pullman's elementary schools.

OLD BUSINESS:

The upcoming **City Council PPT presentation of art in public places** was discussed; it was suggested we add the subject of the banners project to the PPT. Anna-Maria had been in Olympia and had talked to representatives pushing art as a way to promote economic development. She mentioned again the income produced from the Kristos installation in Times Square, NY – totaling \$25million, a reflection of 1.5 million visitors from 2/12 – 2/27. No, Pullman is not NY, but it is an example of the difference public artwork can make. Discussion followed: Patrick mentioned the **murals** in Toppenish. Tours are offered. Other locations were mentioned including BC, The Dalles, etc. Patrick suggests a number of locations for murals. A-M encourages the city to consider **“wall” paintings**. KB: “These towns had coordination. She suggests 2, 3 times a year PAC possibly coordinate a presentation with art: “Look what’s happening here.”

The **Grant and Fund Raising Task Force:** Boone Helm has volunteered to be on the committee. Anybody else? “We’ve got to look outside of Pullman as well as inside Pullman” for funding of art installations. Look into grants, for instance. AMS cannot be on the fund-raising committee as it’s a conflict of interest with her position with the Museum of Art. But she can steer PAC into fund-raising directions. AMS will contact PEDC (Palouse Economic Dev. Council) for potential funding opportunities. AP will ask for assistance from the city – “who can write grants?” next Tuesday at the presentation. (PAC is currently receiving no funds, no budget from the City when PAC was re-instated.) KB pointed out that Moscow has 2 or 3 funded arts commission positions. Part of the PPT will delineate the funds raised so far. Perhaps the city could match it. AMS will put together a packet for Council members prior to Tuesday’s presentation.

KB asked Fritz if he could approach the **Chamber Board** for possible **funding** for the fish frieze and other projects. Fritz said he would. A short discussion followed regarding the levels of donations and at what level name recognition should be given (i.e.: on a plaque.)

AMS will invite another council member (John Sherman) and Tammy Lewis to attend future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

KB met with artists from the Pritchard Gallery, Sarah Swett, and others, discussing **collaboration** perhaps with the WSU Fine Arts Museum and the UI Pritchard Gallery Art Museum, Bank Left Gallery, Dahmen Art at the Barn, and combine these stops with studio tours of selected area artists. **Willi Kardong** (Pullman-WSU) and **Joanna Reese** (Moscow), and **Donna Ralston** (Pritchard Gallery) have volunteered to help organize. (A date has been set for June.) PAC could be involved in a number of ways. This will be discussed at the April meeting. I.e.: produce a brochure for the event. There was much excitement about developing a tour of artists’ studios. “There’s so much interest!” Fritz commented: “It would be interesting to include the **5 wineries** in the immediate area and have them represented at the openings.”

It was mentioned that **Pullman** has a larger city budget than **Moscow** and a better parks system; what are the city’s priorities for funding? (Moscow’s fire dept. is made up of volunteers.) Discussion wrapped around the need for a partially funded position (AP).

Congratulations to **Patrick** for being **awarded a residency** to work in Phoenix, AZ at an industrial ceramics factory that produces giant sewer pipes. Patrick went in November for a practice run. He will experiment using the clay bodies as a carving and glazing surface to produce large, high fire pieces of **sculpture**.

Fritz and Kathleen will be absent **June 14. No meeting in July**, reconvene in August.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Thorgaard, secretary

Pullman Arts Commission is a non-profit, volunteer organization, regulated by the City of Pullman. Our mission is to cultivate a thriving environment for creative expression and appreciation of the arts for the benefit of all. For more information, please contact Anna-Maria Shannon, President, at (509) 335-1910, or Andriette Pieron at (509) 334-3595.