

**Culture and Heritage Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2016**

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Angela Jossy not present, so Kristen Murphy started the meeting.
- Present: Peter Stanley, Heather Joy, Carol Goforth, Silong Chhun, Maria Pascualy, Rebecca Solverson, Claire Keller-Scholz, Maija McKnight, Britt Board, Angela Jossy, Laura Bradley, Andrea Michelbach, Kristen Murphy, Brett Freshwaters, Fred Ramey, Mary Tuttle

II. Review and Acceptance of the June 2016 minutes

- Accepted

III. Old Business

A. Public Art

a. Ivan the Gorilla Statue – Fred Ramey

- Maija asked about how the process went.
- Fred explained that The Friends of Ivan brought in the artist after getting Board approval for placement; none of MPT money, other than some of Fred's time for project management, is being used for this project.
- Friends of Ivan actively engaged in fundraising campaign right now.
- Maija asked about long term maintenance plan: "Is it on the zoo?"
- Fred said he can't imagine the artist coming back to take the statue- Maija cited a deer in their system which has been stolen through the legs being sawed off – Maya offered chains within the statue as a way to jam up a "saws all".
- Kristen asked about the timeline: Fred responded he could see the retaining wall installed in September, October as the final date, if things go really well.
- Maija also mentioned accession, deaccession plan for artwork, if there is not one already in place.
- Mary & Claire talked about the plan already in place, which Melissa oversees and will bring forward to a future meeting.
- Kristen mentioned reviewing accession/deaccession plan.

b. Eastside Community Center – Amy McBride

- Rebecca was present to discuss the process in lieu of Amy.
- \$30,000 call for an artist to be on the design team, do extensive outreach, help work on the plan for the center, looking for training with artists of color or those who are living in the area.
- Scope will also include temporary art, demonstrations, performance pieces, etc...
- Someone with good design skills and visual sense but also open to those artists in other art forms as well.
- August call to go out, with someone on board by the fall.
- Scope will be viewed by Council (via email before it goes out to the public).

IV. New Business

A. Metro Parks Finances/Budget – Brett Freshwaters

- Brett presented an overview of the budget process.
- There was much interest from the group about how budgets are developed and adjusted for changes in aspects such as property taxes & the levy.
- Brett also explained how there is an overall District budget and then how each department submits budget requests, based on services they will be providing the community.
- There were questions from the group about how tracking of the money within programs is captured.
- Mary spoke about various reporting and other documentation collected at the program level. She also explained how there is emphasis with capturing numbers of people served and how that pertains to the amount of tax payer money spent per participant.

B. Art and Artifacts – Online Collections – Claire Keller-Scholz

- Claire shared the online collection/database, showing the level of detail that would be live for public viewing.
- There were questions from the group about how many assets would be housed online and when the entire collection would be available. Claire mentioned that it was a work in progress and that the hope was that when the site went live, there would be 40 and as time allowed, more would be added.
- The group was very interested in understanding how this database could interphase with other like applications already in existence, such as what the City already has in place. There was discussion about how it would be great for the public to be able to go to once place to get information.
- Claire mentioned that this would certainly be a possibility.

V. Board & Staff Liaison report – Aaron, Mary

- Commissioner Pointer was at another event.
- Mary had nothing to present.

VI. Good of the Order

- Mary mentioned Shakespeare in the Park on August 5th 7-8:30pm and Swan Creek Arts Show on August 27th.
- Laura reminded everyone that August 5th was also Friday at the Fort at 6pm and also Brigade Encampment August 13-14.

The next meeting will be August 17, 2016 at the Metro Parks Tacoma Headquarters at 5:30pm.

Submitted by,
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