

**Arts and Heritage Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday November 16, 2016**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm.

Present: Laura Bradley, Silong Chhun, Carol Goforth, Angela Jossy, Heather Joy, Andrea Michelbach, Kristen Murphy, Maria Pascualy, Commissioner Aaron Pointer, Zach Powers, Peter Stanley

Staff: Matthew Keough, Melissa McGinnis, Mary Tuttle

Guests: Amy McBride, Rebecca Solverson

Excused: Britt Board, Katy Evans

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**II. Review and Acceptance of the September 21, 2016 minutes**

- a. Kristen made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Laura and passed unanimously.

**III. Old Business**

**a. Public Art**

**i. Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium**

1. Rebecca reported that there will be two additional art projects in conjunction with the new aquarium thanks to additional spending on the project.
  - a. A mural in the aquarium focusing on local fish
  - b. A hanging glass art piece to complement the jellyfish exhibit

**ii. Eastside Community Center**

1. Silong reported that sixteen artists responded to the Call to Artists; three were chosen for final interviews; and the team of Chris Jordan and Kenji Stoll was chosen unanimously by the Art Steering Committee.

**iii. Oak Tree Park**

1. Rebecca reported that artist Clark Wiegman has been keeping a blog of his ideas and inspiration for this project. To see how it is progressing visit: <http://waterflume.blogspot.com/>.

**iv. People's Center**

1. Amy reported that the mural project is almost finished.
2. A workshop was held to provide information on portable art which had 50 participants.
3. There is still \$14,000 remaining in this project. \$10,000 is dedicated to work(s) inside the Center and \$4,000 is dedicated to an oral history project.

**b. Conservatory Update**

- i. Melissa provided an update on the Conservatory expansion project.
  1. Beginning right away, the architects will design a restroom adjacent to the Conservatory to address the most pressing need identified in the

planning process. A public meeting to review the plans will be held on January 12, 2017 at 6:00pm at the MPT headquarters on South 19<sup>th</sup>.

2. Once the restroom is designed, the architects will begin Design Development on phase one of the expansion. Phase one includes: repairs to the historic conservatory, restoration of the original facades, relocation of gift shop to new exterior building, green wall, improved parking, and underground addition for restrooms, offices and program area. The only thing not included in this phase is the new glass dome for expansion of plant displays and programming space.
3. Anticipated costs for phase one will be over \$5 million so a significant art component will be included in the project. The details of the art component have not been determined.
4. Construction on Phase One will take place once additional funding has been raised to supplement the money allocated to the project in the latest MPT capital improvement bond. The Conservatory Foundation and MPT Resource Development staff will work together on this project.
5. Council members shared their ideas and concerns about how art will be incorporated into the Conservatory. As the process moves forward, staff will report back to the Council on their discussions and goals for the Conservatory.

**c. Deaccession Update**

- i. Melissa reported that the deaccession request for the polar bear carving at the zoo has been deferred until the January meeting to allow staff more time to respond to the questions and concerns raised by the Council members at the September meeting.

**IV. New Business**

**a. 2015/2016 Art Plan**

- i. Melissa noted that the Art Plan allows for project managers/staff to request funding for projects outside the official Art Work Plan for each biennium from the Unallocated Funds category. The Unallocated Funds come from the 1% for art in all capital projects below \$5 million. Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium recently requested \$30,000 from this fund to match the \$100,000 being raised by The Zoo Society for a memorial statue of E.T. the Walrus who died last year. The request was approved by the Arts Administrator and Planning Director as per the Art Plan.
  1. A Call to Artists has been prepared for this project and an Art Steering Committee is being created to review the applicants for the project.
  2. Andrea volunteered to serve on the Art Steering Committee as the representative of the Advisory Council.
  3. Interviews will be held in mid-January.

**b. 2017/2018 Art Work Plan**

- i. Matthew reviewed the intent and goals of the biennial Art Work Plan as it relates to the 1% for Art Policy.
- ii. He shared the draft of the upcoming 2017/2018 work plan and identified three basic areas of work:
  1. Art in capital projects over \$5 million
  2. Art funds designated for under \$5 million projects

### 3. Art Planning Initiatives

- iii. Matthew asked council members to let him know if there were upcoming projects or areas that should be added to the Art Work Plan.
- iv. Peter asked about the cost associated with developing art plans for parks like Titlow Park. Amy responded that a quality plan generally costs \$20,000 - \$30,000.
- v. Melissa noted that the plan now includes two additional art projects as part of the new Point Defiance Aquarium – glass art for the jelly fish display and a mural of native fish for the aquarium. Art Steering Committees for these two projects will be established in early 2017.

#### c. Thank you Kristen

- i. On behalf of the Advisory Council, Zach thanked Kristen for her six years of service on the Council.
- ii. In return, Kristen thanked the council for six years of learning, fun and meeting great people.

#### d. Nomination of 2017 Officers

- i. Zach led a discussion about the process council members would like to use to nominate a chair and vice-chair for 2017.
- ii. Zach then noted that he would like the opportunity to serve as chair again in 2017. Angela made a motion to elect Zach as chair for 2017. The motion was seconded by Carol and passed unanimously.
- iii. A second discussion ensued concerning the vice chair position. Some councils have the guideline that the vice chair moves up to chair at the end of the year. Zach nominated Andrea for the vice chair position. The motion was seconded by Angela and passed unanimously.

#### e. December Meeting

- i. Since the Council's scheduled December meeting is so close to Christmas, Zach suggested that the council follow the tradition of having a social gathering on December 21<sup>st</sup> rather than a formal meeting.
- ii. Following a brief discussion, Zach made a motion to hold the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting at the 7 Seas Tap Room (2101 Jefferson Ave). Heather seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## V. Board & Staff Liaison Report

### a. Aaron

- i. The Park Board and staff have been working hard to develop a balanced budget for 2017/2018.
- ii. "Dozer" a 3,600 pound Pacific Walrus is on loan to Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium for breeding purposes. He is quite a sight to see so be sure to visit the zoo while he is here.
- iii. Lancer, the food concessionaire for the Zoo and Aquarium, is eliminating all plastic containers in their food service.

### b. Mary

- i. Polar Plaza ice skating rink (across from the Art Museum) is now open for the season. Lots of new fun activities are planned for the season.
- ii. Norpoint Center's annual Turkey Trot 5k run is coming soon.
- iii. Metro Arts will be performing Charlie Brown at First Night

### c. Melissa

- i. December 3<sup>rd</sup> is a great time to visit Fort Nisqually's 19<sup>th</sup> Century Christmas and an experience the holiday 19<sup>th</sup> century style.
- ii. The following weekend, December 10<sup>th</sup>, make plans to visit WW Seymour Botanical Conservatory's Victorian Holiday Festival.
- iii. If you would like to attend the annual MPT holiday party at Zoolights on December 14<sup>th</sup> be sure to RSVP to reserve your tickets. Melissa will resend link.

**VI. For the Good of the Order**

- a. Carol displayed a copy of Historic Tacoma's new "Color Me Saved" coloring book filled with wonderful images of many of Tacoma's historic buildings. She will notify the council when their next "pop up" sale of the books occurs.
- b. On the next Third Thursday (Nov 17<sup>th</sup>) Heather reported that Spaceworks will be opening a new exhibit – High Blood. Also be sure to check out the new mural on Commerce Street
- c. Laura reminded everyone to get their tickets for Revels. This year they will focus on Wales. Shows are December 17, 18, 20 and 21. There are some great raffle prizes being offered to support Revels.
- d. Andrea invited everyone to participate in the 117<sup>th</sup> annual bird count on December 17<sup>th</sup>. She will send out more information.
- e. Angela reported that the Art Bus will be offering tours on the third Thursday in December.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

The next meeting of the Arts and Heritage Advisory Council will be December 21, 2016. This is not a formal meeting. Instead it is a fun, optional social gathering at the 7 Seas Tap Room on Jefferson Street.

Submitted by - Melissa McGinnis