

# LaConner Arts Commission

Special Meeting

Jan. 25, 2010

LaConner Civic Garden Club

In attendance: Members: Kelly Wynn, Tracy Powell, Claire Eberle, Rebecca Chamberlain, Pat Doran, Brian Scheuch, President of the LaConner Parks Commission, John Doyle, Town Administrator, Brian Lease, Public Works, Kathie Hubbard, Town Council

Public Comment: None

Announcements: None

There was no meeting on Jan. 4, so there are no minutes.

The 2010 Arts Commission budget was tabled until the February meeting.

## Sculpture Exhibit

It was moved by Claire and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becky to approve a stipend of \$200 for each of the sculptors whose work was selected to defray the cost of installing their work.

Discussion: Tracy Powell, Sculpture Chair, noted that other towns offer a much larger stipend than this and it is costly for the artists to transport and retrofit their works. He also noted that the jurors for the show had originally agreed to judge as volunteers, but we later discovered that previous jurors were paid \$100 to defray the cost of travel and time as it takes at least a half a day to do the jurying. Judges in the past were from out of the County, but this year they are local and so it was recommended that we pay them a \$50 stipend. Kelly will review the past practices. Kathie suggested a gift certificate and thank you letter to run in the LaConner paper. This year's jurors were Lani Bergner, sculptor, Lisa Young, Collections Curator at MoNA, and Dominique D'Arcy, from the Two Moons Gallery.

We need to apply for the Washington State Arts Commission grant. Kelly will work with Lori Clumpner from the Town of LaConner who wrote it last year.

### Gilkey Square

Brian Scheuch addressed the need to design and display the history of the Gilkey family and the old swing bridge that went across the channel at the point where the park is now. There is information available about Richard Gilkey, but more needs to be researched and compiled about the Gilkey Brothers Towing and other operations. Discussion of improvements to the park included the fact that an architect, Kurt Miller, has been hired to re-design the area. It was questioned as to whether a dedication ceremony for the Square be done at the same time as the opening of the new sculpture exhibit. It was generally thought that it should be in the summer when there is better weather. We are currently using the new kiosk to display some information about Town activities, but a more formal presentation should be made with photos, etc. The Historical Museum can help with photos and information. It was suggested that we contact the Town Crier for the dedication. There are currently three kiosks in Town, Gilkey Square, mid 1<sup>st</sup> Street and at the south end parking lot. They were purchased for \$400 total.

Tracy reported that the sculpture show rack cards need to be designed and ordered as soon as possible.

Pat moved that we approved the sculptures recommended by the jury, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Claire. Passed.

Brian Lease mentioned that there may be some cost involved installing the "Celebration" sculpture as it needs a concrete pad for stability. In addition it will be bolted to the pad as it is quite top heavy. Tracy will take this to the Town Council at the Jan. 26 meeting. Also, there is still one sculpture to be picked up by the artist; Tracy will remind him.

### Budget

Some of the line items need to be adjusted on the budget presented by the Town Administrator in order to better reflect the expenditures we will actually be incurring.

### New Business

Rebecca has moved out of the LaConner area and wanted to have a ruling as to whether she needs to resign from the Board. She agreed to stay on until we get clarification at the request of the Mayor.

Tracy will lead a sculpture walk of the new pieces on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Move to adjourn by Claire, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becky. Passed

Submitted by  
Pat Doran, Secretary