

LaConner Arts Commission

May 2, 2011

LaConner Civic Garden Club

In Attendance: Kelly Wynn, Chair; Janet Laurel, Tracy Powell, Sculpture Chair; Pat Doran, Secretary; Kathie Hubbard, Town Council Rep.; John Doyle, Town Administrator; Theo Jonsson, Guest

Called to Order: Moved by Tracy Powell and 2nd by Pat Doran to approve the minutes with the correction to add Sabah Al-Dhaher to the sculpture artists list. Passed

Public Comment: Theodora Jonsson made a presentation regarding public printmaking in Tacoma and Seattle. She is collaborating with Native sculptor, Kevin Paul, his wood carving students and Anacortes Arts Festival; the Biology Class of NW Indian College at Lummi and others to produce an event entitled *The Journeys Project* to coincide with the *Paddle Swinomish* to event. She is requesting funds from the LaConner Arts Commission to cover materials and some labor compensation for the instructors. She is also going on line to see what other possible funding sources are out there and has already contacted the Samish Nation for possible funding. Large block prints will be carved and then "printed" by means of a street steam roller. Prints will be 3 x 4 feet and under. Some of the prints will be laminated to exhibit outdoors during the Journeys event. Janet Laurel asked if the prints would be sold; Theo said that question had come up and it is assumed that the prints belong to the artist and could sell if they wanted. She thought that possibly they could be sold to benefit next year's event. Janet suggested maybe a percentage. They also wish to make prints in conjunction with the Anacortes Arts Festival in August. Candice Vitale, AAF Art Coordinator has requested funds from AAF to fund the event there. Tracy asked if the kids would actually do the carving - answer yes. Speculation about getting a store front downtown to display them would be a good idea. The Skagit County Historical Museum could add them to their upcoming *Native Journey* exhibit which coincides with the Paddle. The total request is \$1975; \$1175 for materials and the remaining for instructor stipends. Janet moved to fund "The Journeys" project at \$1200. Failed a second. Moved to fund the entire request by Pat 2nd by Tracy with the stipulation that the student representatives on the Commission (who were not present) be contacted for their opinion. Passed. The request needs to go to the Town Council for approval of funds on May 10th. Kathie Hubbard and Janet requested some formal documentation of requests of donations from other funding sources. Kathie also noted that the Kiawanis Club sets its budget donations in August which may also provide funds for next year.

Fifteen students will create linoleum blocks at least one foot square and up to 3' x 4' to be displayed.

Sculpture Update: Tracy reported that the three fish sculptures that we purchased this year went out to be refurbished and have been re-installed at the Benton Street end park. Knitting

"vandals" have left knitted hearts on some of the sculptures. New boxes are installed for the rack cards at each sculpture and the Historical Museum has requested one for the newly installed pieces at the top of the hill. Tracy will provide.

New Business: John Doyle reported that the Board Walk project is coming along and they are currently working on the Shoreline Management Permit. Phase one is to complete the walk from Gilkey Square to the Benton Street end by this year. He is seeking input for design ideas for future art display along the board walk; noting that it is also a gateway to water.

Pat gave an update on the Art's Alive! 2011 plans. All the invitational and emerging artists have been contacted and letters to the jewelry and Open Show artists have gone out. The poster will be a collage of all four areas of art: Invitational, Emerging, Jewelry and Open Show.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Doran
Secretary