City of Rainier Arts Commission

September 3, 2019

Regular Meeting

6:30pm

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Dennis McVey at 6:35 pm

Roll Call: Those present were Dennis McVey, Myrna Orsini, Sheryl Turner, Steve Turner. Shanna Burk was absent.

Guests: Mr. Goold calligraphy instructor, and Sarah Christensen, gallery grand opening coordinator.

Approval of Agenda: Motion for approval of September 3, 2019 meeting agenda submitted by Dennis McVey was made by Sheryl Turner 2nd by Steve Turner and approved 4/0.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: McVey asked for approval of the Minutes of July 2, 2019 meeting. Sheryl Turner made motion to approve Steve Turner seconded: motion approved 4/0.

Public comment: none

Reports: Mr. Goold reported that the 8-week calligraphy class went well. The first 4 weeks were lower case letters and the second 4 weeks were upper case and numbers. He would like to do a 6-week class in October and November for advanced layout and lettering, same fee of $25 per student with $15 to supplies and $10 to instructor. He may also do a 4-week design class in January.

Myrna Orsini reported that she had paintings, bronze sculpture, wood carvings and ceramic art for the gallery and will coordinate with Chair McVey to bring them to the gallery, she also has pedestals for the items that need them.

Unfinished Business: A discussion was held on the proposed rules for the operation of the cultural center and art gallery and the request for use form. It was agreed that they were to be adopted and Sheryl Turner moved they be approved, Steve Turner seconded, motion to adopt passed 4/0.

A discussion was held regarding the gallery grand opening on Saturday February 8 at 6PM. Sarah is the coordinator and will work on a budget for the event to be presented to the city council for consideration/approval. Sarah stated that Jocelyn owner of Main Street Cookies will donate cheesecake bites for the event. A nonalcoholic punch will also be served. The grand opening committee is asking that the dress for the opening will be evening attire.

Gallery staffing was discussed, and it was decided to check on using Rainier High School art students allowing them to use required community service hours, however an adult must also
be on duty. Myrna Orsini said she would volunteer to staff the gallery on the first Saturday of the month.

**New Business:** Myrna Orsini suggested that Rainier sponsor an annual standalone Arts Festival on the third Saturday of July from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM. This would be a one-day event and would be held at the old public works site (open field by city hall) and sponsored by the City of Rainier and the Monarch Sculpture Garden. It was suggested that a $10 fee per booth be charged with the money going to the City of Rainier for a one-day business license and support for the arts commission. Myrna Orsini will be the coordinator for the arts festival and will contact artists when we have approval from the City Council to hold the festival. Chair McVey will bring the issue before the council.

Myrna Orsini also stated she would like to hold a class on clay moulding (hand molding, not wheel cast) at the cultural center in the fall. A fee would be charged to pay for course materials. The consensus of the arts commission was for Myrna to put a course together and advertise it.

**Adjournment:** Sheryl Turner made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Steve Turner, approved 4/0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. Next meeting October 1, 2019

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Dennis McVey, Commission Chairperson  
Commission Secretary