

Arts, Culture & Library Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2018
5:30 p.m.

SeaTac City Hall
Riverton Room

CALL TO ORDER: The Arts, Culture & Library Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Kathleen Brave, Bruce Bryant, Taryn Hill, Rita Marlow, Tani Rae Standridge, Jim Todd

ABSENT: Pete Daigle

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Brian Tomisser, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager

ALSO PRESENT: Rick Forschler, City Councilmember; Angelina Benedetti, King County Library

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes dated May 9 and 11, 2018 were approved as written.

INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairman Todd introduced and welcomed Kathleen Brave. Also, arriving later was new Committee member Rita Marlow.

PRESENTATION BY KING COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER DAVE UPTHEGROVE:

Councilmember Upthegrove opened by stating that the King County Council served where there were no local governments or where services were needed that did not make sense for cities to do on their own. He then talked briefly about 4Culture mini-grants up to \$1500. These were for organizations not currently funded. There were three specific issues that he addressed. The first was the Tax Levy to fund the arts that failed to pass last year. This would have raised sales tax .001% and would have collected \$65 million in revenue for the arts. He stated that he voted against this because it would have only brought in around \$369,000 to his district. He also mentioned that 4Culture gave out \$44 million the last three years, but only \$1.7 million to his district (3.9%). The second issue was King County's new role with 4Culture. He stated that the King County Council will now nominate potential members to the 4Culture board. Each King County Council Member will make nominations in an attempt to create more geographic equity. The King County Council will also now confirm the 4Culture Executive Director position and they will vote up or down on their budget.

There was a lengthy conversation about the new Hotel/Motel tax stream in 2021 when the two main sports stadiums are paid off. He stated that the taxes will continue and that the revenue will have to be at least 37.5% for the arts, at least 37.5% for housing, and any remainder for tourism.

He also strongly suggested that we have a representative from 4Culture come and inform the Committee more about how funding through them works. Brian pointed out that Charlie Rathbun from 4Culture will be at our July meeting.

OPEN FORUM: Taryn Hill brought up the need to start working on their Scope of Service for the Committee since this was the criteria that the City Council required to discuss possible funding of a Master Plan. It was agreed upon that Brian would send out examples of Scopes of Service.

Rita Marlow brought up, from her discussion with the Mayor, the idea of painting inside the S. 188th Street tunnel.

Tani Raie Standridge mentioned that the Angle Lake Manor was looking to paint their restrooms and were considering a contest to bring in artistic individuals.

NEW BUSINESS: Brian Tomisser shared information provided by a SeaTac resident regarding the August Back to School Fair. This Lutheran Community Services event gives hundreds of SeaTac kids a free backpack. The event is August 16th at Valley Ridge Park and they are looking for volunteers.

Brian also mentioned that the consultant grant application was submitted on May 31, 2018.

Pages from the SeaTac Quarterly magazine, that highlight the City summer special events were distributed.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no update on whether the Committee was allowed to discuss items via email as a group. Brian will continue to get clarification.

LIBRARY REPORT: Angelina Benedetti shared updated on summer library programs, including the Summer Reading program and the “Libraries Rock” and Summer Author events. She highlighted the partnership with the City of SeaTac at the SeaTac Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.