

# Arts, Culture & Library Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

July 11, 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 5:33 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:** Brian Tomisser, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager

**ALSO PRESENT:** Peter Kwon, City Councilmember; Lawrence Ellis, Parks, Community Programs and Services Director; Angelina Benedetti, King County Library; Charlie Rathbun and Deborah Twersky, 4Culture

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes dated June 13, 2018 were approved as written.

### **PRESENTATION BY CHARLIE RATHBUN FROM 4CULTURE:**

Charlie Rathbun began his presentation with a brief overview of 4Culture. He stated that it began in 1967 as the King County Arts Commission. He said that 4Culture is a quasi-governmental organization. They are funded primarily by the lodging tax, 1% for Arts Funds, some King County funding and some smaller grants.

Charlie then walked the Committee through the 4Culture website. He pointed out that grant panels, comprised of peers, made funding recommendations. He also said that SeaTac was one of twenty-five 'Local Arts Agencies' that 4Culture funds. This designation allowed us to apply for the Creative Consultant opportunity. This fund, which we applied for in May, has \$150,000 in it to be distributed. Fourteen cities applied. We will have the opportunity to interview potential consultants in late August/early September.

Next, Charlie talked about the various funding opportunities through 4Culture. Several, including Community 4Culture, Open 4Culture, and Arts Projects, we are not eligible for because we currently receive funding. The City is eligible to apply for four different opportunities. These include 'Sustained Support'. We currently receive \$7,500 per year from this fund that primarily funds the summer entertainment. Over four hundred organizations receive funding through Sustained Support. We also are eligible to apply for Cultural Equipment, Cultural Facilities and Public Art. Jim Todd asked if funding would increase once the bonds are paid off. Deborah Twersky said 'Yes'. She stated that they currently have a budget of 5-6 million. The hope is that will be closer to 10 million when they are paid off.

**OPEN FORUM:** Bruce asked if there was an update on email communication amongst the Committee. Brian informed them that he had talked with the City Clerk and she was still waiting for clarity from the Legal Department. At this time, since everyone (except Brian) is using private emails, the Committee will continue dialoging via email. Brian also asked about the possibility of the Committee starting a Blog to get community dialogue. This was at Pete's suggestion. This question was asked to the City Clerk as well.

Tani Rae mentioned she heard of a program called ‘Stories and Rye’, which sounded familiar to the ‘Pie and Whiskey’ events that were previously discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was a brief discussion about creating a Scope of Work of items this Committee will work on. The majority of the Committee did not have time to read the materials that Brian provided. Jim also provided his thoughts in a written page shared with the Committee. It was agreed that they wanted time to read and digest the information and that they would dialogue electronically. If needed, a Special Meeting will be set prior to the August meeting. Tani Rae mentioned that her husband would be willing to volunteer to come and help with this project. He does similar work for Boeing and the Committee agreed he would be a valuable asset.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jim asked the Committee if there was interest in pursuing the City Council to help fund a study with Conlin Columbia for a development next to the Angle Lake Station. This request would be for up to \$30,000 from the City and an answer is needed in approximately six weeks. There was interest, but there was a consensus that there is not enough time and that the need to focus on the Committee’s Scope of Service was a higher priority.

Brian stated that there are three Music in the Park performances this month on Wednesdays at Angle Lake. Also, Theater in the Park on July 27, and Kid’s Fest at Riverton Park on August 3.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Angelina Benedetti updated the Committee on summer library programs, including that the Summer Reading Wild Waves incentive program was going to be very popular and people should not wait when they meet their goal. Also, they have added a Spanish speaking reading time at Valley View Library. Brian said that the program in partnership with the King County Library at the SeaTac Community Center is going well.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.