

Arts, Culture & Library Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes

September 09, 2020

**\*Virtual Meeting\***

**5:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Arts, Culture & Library Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Peter Daigle, Taryn Hill, Rita Palomino Marlow, Tani Rae Standridge, Jim Todd, Bruce Bryant

**ABSENT:** Kathleen Brave

**STAFF LIAISON:** Brian Tomisser, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager; Jessica Ramirez, Recreation Specialist

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lesley Bain, Framework; Angelina Benedetti, Councilmember Peter Kwon; Councilmember Clyde Hill; Bart Perman, Information Systems Manager;

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes dated August 9, 2020 were approved as written.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Report given later in the meeting.

**UPDATE: UTILITY BOX ART IN SEATAC:** Brian shared that a decision card was submitted to utility box wraps throughout SeaTac. If approved it would expand these to about 80 utility boxes around the city.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Art Attack Yard Art Contest Update: Bruce shared that all the judges have gone to all the art sites and looked at the various art, once all the points are tallied the judges will meet afterwards to discuss winners. This is mostly in case there is any confusions on the judging criteria or outcome.

The judges will take pictures to share and these can be posted on the Facebook or City website.

There were a total of 21 entries, the announcement date for the winners is on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Pete is making plaques to distribute to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Taryn mentioned that in the future it would be nice to provide 'contestant signs' for all those who participated and so that they may place it next to their art so that people will be able to distinguish the art and get others in their community interested in the event.

Brian shared that the City is hosting a Halloween Home Decorating Contest.

Jim mentioned that the art installation, with the grant that was received from 4Culture, will be hopefully be happening on 188<sup>th</sup> St., on the North side of the street around 32<sup>nd</sup> St. Vibe Hunters will be asking the Parks and Recreation Committee in an upcoming meeting.

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## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Brian Shared that due to COVID summer events didn't happen, and now the City has \$7,500 Sustained Support from 4Culture that was not used. He asked for ideas from the committee members, for events that could happen this fall on a smaller scale. Some ideas that the City can work on, and also have prepared for when they reopen. Brian asked committee to share ideas during open forum.

- Jim shared a City wide scavenger hunt, one where people could go around and collect items at different locations and once they have all the items they could be turned in for some grand prize.

Discussion of the phase 2 of the Master Plan; Brian started by stating that among the chaos of 2020 there were still some great victories, such as Art Attack, the Master Plan, the creation of Vibe Hunters, the Utility Box project and large kudos to the ACLAC members. Phase 1 has been reviewed and now we will move to completing phase 2 before going to City Council. Phase 2 will be more hands on than phase 1 was, the ACLAC members will have to dive more into the community to work on getting their input. From there it will go to Parks and Recreation committee and then to Council. The next phase will shift the work from Lesley, to ACLAC in doing the community work.

Lesley also have Kudos to the committee for securing the 4Culture grant, before this SeaTac wasn't receiving a ton of money, with the creation of ACLAC and Vibe Hunters she believes that will change. The edits from the Phase 1 packets have been completed. Lesley mentioned that the \$7500 from 4Culture can possibly be used in addition to the grant Vibe Hunters received for the fence on 188<sup>th</sup> project, if approved by Council.

Lesley gave 2 homework recommendations to the committee. The first assignment is to put a list together of people to reach out to, such as Elected Officials, City Staff, Community Leaders, partners Educators and Community members, while keeping the goals in mind. The second assignment is to pick a model of a successful arts or cultural program that they think is great; while keeping in mind; what is the need of the community? The opportunity? What are the leadership structures? The organizational structures? What are their resources? Is the model sustainable? An example that was used was the San Antonio River Walk in Texas. Committee members were asked to look at other models that they would like to see in SeaTac, while keeping in mind the 21 opportunities that are listed in Part 1 of the Master Plan.

Jim mentioned a conversation he had with Council Member Kwon about 4Culture offices next to the Link Rail station at Angle Lake, along with those offices building a cultural venue that 4Culture can manage and rent out to other organizations. Lesley added that this is a great idea and to ask: How would this building/center sustain itself? What is its purpose? What kind of resources are needed to create this and to keep it open?

Lesley stated that 4Culture is focusing on racial justice and SeaTac has a diverse community, looking at similar models to what Jim mentioned, could work with 4Culture's mission.

Lesley summarized that these are all great ideas to work on and to focus on small scale possibilities along with long term, ideas like the utility box art. Include schools in these ideas, as they are a large opening to engage with because families in the community all interact with them. Teaming up with schools to provide Arts and Culture to the community.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Angelina shared the new project going up at North SeaTac park; a 'Story Walk' it will be about half a mile long with different boards along the trail, that you read as you go. The library is trying to get creative and work with partners, such as Burien who is doing "Parks'n'Glow" and they are assisting in making art/crafts to-go so residents can make their own lanterns at home. Angelina says they are open to work together and help hand out information or crafts and to reach out to KCLS to partnerships. There is a moratorium on fines until the end of the year. They are taking extra steps in "quarantining" your books for 72 hours in order to protect staff and the next reader who checks out the book.

Curbside at Valley View Library is doing great and surprise bags are fun and encouraging participation. Lesley asked Angie, since kids and families are the best way to cross cultural barriers, any advice on how to go through that? Angelina responded that continuing partner relations and to be patient as it can take time. To also be open to ideas and new events, in the past one moment or need can lead to new programs or concepts. To be fluid during these times, and go after new opportunities that may have not worked before but because of the circumstances may be work now.

Lesley mentioned the idea of the 'Book-Mobile' and brainstorming ideas that may work now because we have limitations on what we can do, and where we can go and how we gather.

Angelina highlighted that Parks in local cities (including SeaTac) have been doing a great job with thinking outside the box, with ideas like virtual s'mores and campfire songs. She's seen successful programming when working with schools and going into communities to engage which has been more challenging at the moment. Schools are currently struggling with basic communication to their families so it may be harder for KCLS to ask for help/collaboration with schools.

Lesley added that Angelina makes a great point and to think about that when doing the homework; think about schools and how we can help them and reach out.

Brain agreed that schools are trying to provide and communicate the best they can with families and students, programming has had to shift in order to meet the needs.

**OPEN FORUM:**

Lesley asked to hear from committee for examples of models/projects that are happening. If you need help send Lesley a topic and she can help you find models or use google to explore your

interests or inspirations. Pick an opportunity from the master plan that you are passionate about and do some research on it.

Jim suggested if we find things of interest to meet up and talk about them. Lesley suggested starting a Google Doc for this where everyone can get online and add items as they find them.

Here is the Google Doc shared with the group to brainstorm: [ACLAC Opportunities BrainStorm](#)

Jim mentioned reaching out to the Rotary of SeaTac and Tukwila, with the idea of bringing B.A.T. to SeaTac. Tani Rai added that Gabe Bush is a member and her neighbor who may be helpful to reach out to.

Councilmember Hill suggested adding Southside Chamber of Commerce to the list of organizations to reach out to (Andrea Ray).

Brian will compile a list of contacts as we reach out to people, and people we want to meet with to build relationships with.

Jim wants to reach out to EMAS to talk and collaborate. Jessica has contact information for Abraham who is a member.

Councilmember Hill shared an idea for a small events idea; “Picture yourself in our Parks” where we cover different parks in art where people can go and take a picture in front of art and use a hashtag to get people to visit all our parks. If they take picture at all parks they can collect a small gift like a shopping bag with coupons and small prizes in exchange for submitting all their pictures.

An example that Lesley shared; “Picturing Trails” when 4Culture and King County collaborated to give out Bus cards to people who took picture of themselves in various parks.

Taryn asked about prizes that Vibe Hunters will give to winners of Art Attack: 1<sup>st</sup> prize will receive a voucher to Cedarbrook Lodge, 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive a gift certificate to Mango Thai Cuisine, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place received a gift certificate to Galliano’s Cucina. Along with these, each will receive a plaque made by Peter Daigle and yard signs.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm

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