

**CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE  
ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

August 16, 2022  
5:30 pm

Mountlake Terrace City Hall  
Lake Ballinger Room  
23204 58<sup>th</sup> Ave W  
Mountlake Terrace, WA

**Present**

Conner Ryan, Chair  
Michelle Senechal, Vice Chair  
Judy Ryan, Commissioner  
Marla French, Commissioner  
Bonnie Mercer, Commissioner  
Anne Nygaard, Commissioner  
Ben Hou, Commissioner

**Excused**

**Absent**

**City Council Liaison**

Councilmember Rick Ryan

**City Staff**

Renee Norton, Support Services Supervisor  
Jeff Betz, Recreation and Parks Director

**Guests**

Janey Hoff

**1 CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 5:28pm.

**2 ROLL CALL**

Chair Ryan did roll call. All commissioners were present.

**3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Mercer moved to approve the June 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Vice Chair French seconded. Roll call vote approved the motion 7 yes, 0 no.

**4 PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Guest Janey Hoff introduced herself and told the group that she runs the juried arts show at the Edmonds Arts Festival. Janey and Commissioner Ryan met at the Edmonds Arts Festival. She has volunteered at Arts of the Terrace two years.

**5 AGENDA CONSIDERATIONS:**

None

**6 ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**7 CURRENT BUINESS:**

**8.1 ART IN PARKS:**

Recreation and Parks Director Betz introduced himself. He showed the group a rendering of Gateway Plaza. He mentioned that the plan is at 90% design. He told commissioners that they needed their help with recommending what should go in the middle of the Plaza. Originally the idea was a water feature, but a water feature would not be the best idea due to the small size of the plaza, as it would splash passersby. A water feature would also require a lot of maintenance. He asked commissioners if they thought a large scale piece of art viewable from light rail would better serve the area. He then mentioned that it was also a good opportunity to add diversity of art to the City of Mountlake Terrace. Commissioner Ryan thought it would be nice to have a Native American piece there. Commissioner Hou mentioned that a kinetic, moving art piece might be cool. Commissioner Mercer stated that she was all for having art in Gateway Plaza instead of a water feature. All commissioners agreed.

Director Betz then showed the group an image of Matt Hirvela Bicentennial Park. He told them that a new playground will be installed, replacing the one that is 23 years old. He then zoomed in on the Hey! Wagon. He told commissioners that the piece was 45 years old and not up to current safety standards, so it will need to be removed. Betz said that RPAC had some ideas about repurposing the Hey! Wagon as art in the park, potentially using the wheels. All commissioners that it was a good idea to repurpose the piece.

**8.2 2022 ARTS OF THE TERRACE**

Commissioner French told the group that the new banners had been ordered. Chair Ryan reminded commissioners that the deadline for entries had been extended to August 19. Commissioner Ryan told the group that there were 276 entries on Entry Thingy as of August 16. Commissioners agreed that a lot of art work will be entered right before the deadline. Commissioner Ryan told everyone that new this year, the artist awards would be held at Mountlake Terrace City Hall in the Council Chambers, then people would walk over to the library. She then asked guest Janey Hoff if Edmonds used a caterer for their awards ceremony night. Hoff said that Edmonds no longer does an awards ceremony. Ryan stated that they would need to look into getting a caterer for the refreshments. Commissioner Hou told everyone that he could put the Arts of the Terrace on the Event Brite website. The group then discussed setting up for the show and volunteers. Janie Hoff said she would not only volunteer at this year's show, but would also set up the volunteer schedule.

**8 MESSAGE FROM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS:**

None

**9 MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL LIAISON:**

None

**10 DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT:**

Supervisor Norton told the group that the Recreation and Parks Department was wrapping up summer and getting ready for Fall programs. She let them know that the fall Craze recreation guide was now available online.

**11 ADJOURNMENT:** As there were no further items for discussion, Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm.