

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

April 20, 2021
5:30 pm

Remote Meeting Via
Telephone or Teleconference

Present

Excused

Absent

Judy Ryan, Chair (Via Teleconference)
Marla French, Vice Chair (Via Teleconference)
Bonnie Mercer (Via Teleconference)
Annie Nygaard (Via Teleconference)
Conner Ryan (Via Teleconference)
Ben Hou (Via Teleconference)

City Council Liaison

Councilmember Rick Ryan (Via Teleconference)

City Staff

Renee Norton, Support Services Supervisor (Via Teleconference)
Jeff Betz, Recreation and Parks Director (Via Teleconference)

Guests

None

1 CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2 ROLL CALL

Chair Ryan did roll call. Vice Chair French and Commissioner Helms was excused.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the March 2021 meeting minutes: Commissioner Mercer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Vice Chair French seconded. Roll call vote approved the motion 6 yes, 0 no.

4 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

5 AGENDA CONSIDERATIONS:

None

6 ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

7 CURRENT BUINESS:

7.1 1% For the Arts

Recreation and Parks Director Jeff Betz gave commissioners an update on the future dollar amounts designated for 1% for the Arts. He stated that for Evergreen playfield project, approximately \$18,000 will be designated for public art. Betz also told commissioners that there were more projects coming, including the Ballinger waterfront project, which could allot around \$10,000, and the Ballinger playground project, which could bring in around \$5,000, for a total of around \$32,000 by the Fall of 2021. He then mentioned that there are even more projects coming in the next several years. Betz asked the commission to start thinking about what they would envision in the future for art as they are responsible for making the recommendation(s) to council.

7.2 Deaccession Policy Change Recommendations

Director Betz showed an updated draft version of the art deaccession policy, since Council made some recommendations. He asked commissioners to take a look at the dollar amount threshold for artwork to require an appraisal prior to disposition. The previous version of the policy listed \$10,000. After discussion, the commissioners unanimously agreed that \$1,500 was a reasonable value amount to require appraisal. Betz told commissioners that the City would pay for any appraisals. Commissioners were then show additional language that was inserted in the draft policy stating that Council will have final approval of all deaccessions. Chair Ryan then talked about potentially moving the bronze statue “Mother Justice” to a different location within the Civic Center where it may be better suited. Director Betz told commissioners that they had about a couple of months to figure out what they wanted to recommend doing with the piece.

7.3 Manu Sood Scholarship

Chair Ryan stated that she had spoken to Nalin Sood and asked if anyone had applied for a 2021 Manu Sood scholarship. Sood mentioned that he would contact Chair Ryan if he had any applicants.

7.4 2021 Arts of the Terrace

Chair Ryan stated that she was in contact with the librarian, Kristin Piepho, from the Mountlake Terrace Library and had asked her about having the art show there. She said that the Piepho told her that she did not think they would be able to have in-person programs until 2022 because their meeting rooms were being used for staff physical distancing and that library reservation may need to be cancelled. Chair Ryan then mentioned that she spoke to City Clerk Virginia Clough if they would be able to use hotel/motel grant award to hire someone to coordinate a virtual art show. Ms. Clough told her that the award money needs to be used for events that promote overnight stays in the city. Supervisor Norton told Commissioners that depending on the phase Snohomish County is in, it would be possible to host the art show, but cancel the awards ceremony and preview night. Vice Chair French said that the jurors would be disappointed if we had to cancel this year’s show. Commissioner Hou suggested finding other ways to celebrate art in the community. Chair Ryan suggested holding off on announcing cancelling the show until May.

8 MESSAGE FROM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS:

Supervisor Norton suggested informing the group of their current vacancy to Chair Ryan. Chair Ryan asked Supervisor Norton to tell the group. Norton informed commissioners that Commissioner Kiah Helms had resigned her position on the Arts Advisory Commission. Commissioner Mercer told the group that the garden club would be going ahead with the flower sale. Baskets would be available for pick-up the Friday before Mother's Day.

9 MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL LIAISON:

Councilmember Ryan told Commissioners that there was nothing new to report other than the moving date into new City Hall and the statue.

10 DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT:

Supervisor Norton reminded commissioners informed the group about the volunteer clean-up opportunity at Ballinger Park on Saturday, April 24th in honor of Earth day and/or Arbor Day.

11 ADJOURNMENT: As there were no further items for discussion, Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 6:41pm.