

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

May 26, 2021  
6:30 pm

Remote Meeting Via  
Telephone or Teleconference

**Present**

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

**Excused**

Marla French, Vice Chair

**Absent**

**City Council Liaison**

Councilmember Rick Ryan (Via Teleconference)

**City Staff**

Renee Norton, Support Services Supervisor (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 had technical difficulties and was not able to get logged in to the meeting.

**3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of the April 2021 meeting minutes: Commissioner Mercer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Nygaard seconded. Roll call vote approved the motion 5 yes, 0 no.

**4 PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

An email from victor Eskenazi was reviewed. The email suggested placing a mural on a white concrete support on 236<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Ryan told the group that the area being suggested was property of Sound Transit.

**5 AGENDA CONSIDERATIONS:**

None

**6 ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**7 CURRENT BUINESS:**

**7.1 Mother Justice Relocation**

Supervisor Norton pulled up a photo of the front of the police station and the grounds in front and to the south to discuss relocating the bronze statue in the city’s art collection titled “Mother Justice”. Norton recommended moving the statue forward a couple of feet and turning it, so that it would be at the side of the building, facing the parking lot and visible from the office windows of the police station. Chair Ryan stated that she thought the statue would be hard to see there, and suggested moving it forward to the grassy area between the police station and the library. Commissioners agreed that the grassy area would be a better location. Supervisor Norton said she would check with Parks and Facilities Superintendent Ken Courtmanch on if moving the statue to that location was possible and if so, what it would entail.

**7.2 2021 Arts of the Terrace**

Chair Ryan told the group that the librarian at the Mountlake Terrace library is still holding on to their meeting room reservation for the 2021 art show. She then explained that the library is open on limited hours and they won’t know more information until after the Governor speaks on June 30<sup>th</sup>, which will make it hard to plan the show. Chair Ryan also expressed concern that since Edmonds will be pushing their art festival out to the end of August, artists may have their art pieces tied up with that show or may even be sold, so they would not be able to enter the Arts of the Terrace by the August 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Commissioner Mercer and chair Ryan mentioned the idea of pushing the Arts of the Terrace out to October or November. Ryan suggested waiting to make any decision about cancelling the 2021 show until after the Governor speaks on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**8 MESSAGE FROM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS:**

None

**9 MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL LIAISON:**

Councilmember Ryan told Commissioners that the new city hall move-in date was mid-June.

**10 DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT:**

Supervisor Norton told commissioners that interviews for their empty spots on the Arts Advisory Commission would be the first week of June. She then mentioned that the new turf field at Evergreen 1 was very close to completion, with use scheduled the first week of June.

**11 ADJOURNMENT:** As there were no further items for discussion, Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 7:01pm.