



**CITY OF LYNNWOOD ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES
JULY 21, 2020 6:30PM
LYNNWOOD SENIOR CENTER**

10. CALL TO ORDER at 6:34pm

20. ROLL CALL

| | | | |
|---|------------------------|---|---|
| X | Elizabeth Lunsford | | Ruth Ross, Council Liaison |
| X | Barry Miller | | |
| | vacant | X | Fred Wong, Community Programs Coordinator (CPC) |
| X | Robert Gutcheck, Chair | | Sarah Olson, Deputy Director (DD) |
| | vacant | | |
| X | Lynn Hanson, Secretary | | |
| X | Raniere, Vice Chair | | |

30. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Raniere moved; B Miller seconded; June 16 minutes unanimously approved as submitted.

40. COMMISSIONER & AD HOC REPORTS

None

50. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – None

60. STAFF REPORT

CPC Wong –

- Galleries still closed but art shows are online.
- Meet Me at the Park is going slowly, given its new format and dates.
- Sandlot Cinema will probably be cancelled.
- History and Heritage Days and Afro Latino Festival cancelled.

70. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Guest Teodora Popescu has applied to the Arts Commission applicant. She discussed her interest in arts, culture, and social justice.

80. BUSINESS ITEM

80.1 Mayor Nicola Smith’s annual visit

20 min

Police Chief Tom Davis is retiring. Jim Nelson has support from co-workers and community, and will be confirmed as the new Police Chief.

Blackout Tuesday Protest - youth came and shared their genuine voices. One of the participants Josh Binda came forward and applied to serve on DEI Commission.

To further our work with social equity, HR director has brought Lynnwood into GARE. Employees representing every department received trainings to effect process and policy change with a racial equity lens. Mayor is thinking about a permanent position on her staff for social justice.

The public is invited to attend. Parking and meeting rooms are accessible for persons with disabilities. Contact the City at 670-5503 with 24-hours advance notice for special accommodations.

City is using rainy day funds to help with gap in revenues due to COVID economic downturn. We'll still have to cut some programs and services due to lack of funds. COVID has been hard on the Recreation Center which had to be closed. Mayor is working on draft budget to put before Council. Community input has been difficult due to COVID.

Mayor thanked us for being receptive to comments on DEI commission on the *Big Hair Box Wrap*. She is glad the *All Are Welcome Wrap* is getting done.

The Mayor was happy 80 people showed up to have civil discourse on the town hall event on diversity and equity. The city may do this in other languages. The city also had a workshop for employees after the murder of George Floyd and 60 employees attended. Many came to work scared about with what has been going on in the world. City officials listened to personal stories and people were brave enough to tell them.

C Lunsford asked to invest money for documentation and art of this time in city. COVID related history in Lynnwood is not being documented. CPC Wong said John Lewis was co-author on a graphic novel titled "March" about the civil rights movement. He suggested a graphic novel may be an idea. C Lunsford said that Lynnwood is a mixing ground for all types of people.

80.2 Signal Boxes

The *All Are Welcome Wrap* will be at 184th and Alderwood Mall Parkway. Graphics designer will give CPC Wong a mockup this week to use to seek final approval from DEIC and traffic engineer. We are a couple of weeks ahead of schedule. We should be able to get it done near the end of August. C Lunsford asked about ribbon cutting for this project, said we could show stories to go with the decal. CPC Wong suggested that we could post stories on Facebook. C Lunsford asked C Miller if he would be willing to do a video about All are Welcome and he said he is willing to do it.

CPC Wong needs to contact the grantor EAFF regarding the \$2000 grant to support the Native American wrap, to change the project, since we can no longer present the painting process during Fair on 44th.

80.3 LOVE Lynnwood iconic sculpture

5 min

CPC Wong is working with the artist and PFD board to finalize the contract with the fabricator.

80.4 South Lynnwood Park: Mural project

5 min

South Lynnwood Park mural will hopefully be done before restroom building is renovated, since construction will not start until fall. Windows will need to be cut, and the mural design will work around that. If the mural is done first, it will be protected. The mural artist is hesitant to start before construction, because of possible accidental construction damages, so she may choose to start painting next Spring instead. One advantage is that she may be able to work with students then. The artist has done a good job reaching out to community members and EdCC students to get suggestions.

80.5 Future events (State of the Arts, Retreat, Art of Food & Wine, etc)

5 min

- We plan a Zoom meeting next week for Art of Food and Wine.
- CPC Wong suggested setting a date for State of the Arts so that he could reserve a

The public is invited to attend. Parking and meeting rooms are accessible for persons with disabilities. Contact the City at 670-5503 with 24-hours advance notice for special accommodations.



- room at Verdant. We decided on October 15. It would be ideal to have people present at the event, otherwise, we can do a zoom event.
- Retreat- C Lunsford suggested a zoom retreat, before State of the Art. We will use our regular meeting on September 15 as half of the retreat. Second half on September 29.

80.6 LOVE Lynnwood project: Interurban tunnel mural 10 min
Brian Knudson wants to paint *Love Lynnwood* project in tunnel. As part of community engagement. With COVID restrictions, it would be very complicated. CPC Wong suggests postponing to next spring.

90. FUTURE BUSINESS – None

- Think about what we can discuss about 2020-21 budget.
- C Lunsford suggested investing time in letting people know how important CPC Wong’s job is for the future growth of Lynnwood.
- C Lunsford talked about an art group called Amplifier and suggested we emphasize the positive images of the Northwest, since national media has falsely portrayed the Northwest as a war zone. C Miller talked about also being all inclusive, and his experience being a black employee at Apple.
- 4 Culture has put “racial equity” in their mission statement. Maybe we could talk about following their lead.

100. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm