

**CITY OF LYNNWOOD ARTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 17, 2020 6:30PM  
ONLINE**

10. CALL TO ORDER at 6:32pm

20. ROLL CALL

X	Elizabeth Lunsford	X	Ruth Ross, Council Liaison
X	Barry Miller		
X	Teodora Popescu	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

T Popescu moved; E Lunsford seconded; October 20 minutes unanimously approved.

40. COMMISSIONER & AD HOC REPORTS - None

50. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – None

CL Ross asked us to send her info for council reports. Please send to Fred to forward to CL Ross. B Miller said we can pass along our thoughts as a private citizen away from the arts commission.

60. STAFF REPORT

CPC Wong –

- Mural at South Lynnwood Park was completed on November 2.
- Team Real has a zoom presentation on Racial Equity on 11/18/20. Art Commissioners are invited to attend.

70. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Arts Commission applicant Rhiannon Kruse had an interview with the Mayor and will be interviewed by city council later this month.

80. BUSINESS ITEM

80.1 Community Justice Center Public Art (Guests: Brett Hanson, Monty Hill, Mackenzie; Deputy Chief Chuck Steichen, Chief James Nelson)

Chief James Nelson said they have been working on the project for over 2 years. Lynnwood has outgrown the existing facility. Misdemeanor Jail tries to provide alternatives and resources for the inmates. They want the staff to be able to engage more efficiently. The Community needs to engage with the police. They changed the name to Community Justice Center from Criminal Justice Center on purpose. Art a big piece of the project. The design team is Mackenzie. Brett Hanson is project manager from Mackenzie. Monty Hill is

design director. Now finishing design development. Moving on to permitting, Dec to March. Construction as early as June 2021.

Brett Hanson- Percent for art will amount to about \$450,000.00. Existing artwork will be preserved. A new entry will be created. A water features may be created where the old entrance was. 12 foot frontage, walkable tree scape. Secure parking. Privacy and safety, deterrent in a friendly way to keep people out who do not belong there. The barrier wall will be 6-7 feet tall. Benches on the front sidewalks, planters that also double for seating. Nice front plaza. 2 wings of building will point down and can collect water for water feature. Long wall along parking may be used for art. Panels on the wall will be in different sizes.

E Lunsford asked who they are trying to make feel comforted and welcomed? Has there been any outreach to the people of Lynnwood?

Deputy Chief Chuck Steichen- “welcoming” came from the city. The project is moving forward and they are asking what art could be put into the public spaces.

T Popescu said that artwork needs to be welcoming to people who are going to court or jail as well as the people who work there. What does a reimagined misdemeanor jail look like? The goal should be to help people in jail to overcome what they are going through. C Popescu thinks it is important to provide more art in the spaces where people need to see art, in practice, not just in name.

Rhiannon Kruse hopes we can bring art inside and outside the building.

Brett Hanson would need to work with the artists to make sure what they are creating would be safe and appropriate in each place.

E Lunsford had a problem with the term self-reflection and doesn't think that is what people would be thinking about.

T Popescu thinks we need to ask the community what they want in this space. The people inside the jails also are part of the public and need art as well.

CL Ross did not like the self-reflection part either. She thinks it is important the people to be able to celebrate they are moving on with their lives

B Miller - Had a personal note, one brother was in the criminal justice system his whole life. Other brother was a Navy Seal. Between both Barry saw the 2 extremes. Understands welcoming space. Also wants the people to be asked.

R Gutcheck asked what do they feel the Art Commission role is?

Sarah said the arts commission has the say on the art but the arts commission has to work together with the architects to make it happen. We would go to the police team to ask what is possible when we have ideas.

The Police Department and the city are currently doing community outreach.

R Gutcheck asked if the Parks and Rec Dept could help with outreach to know what the community thinks is welcoming. Asked the police what their outreach efforts have been? How could art be included inside the jail? Could we partner with the police to get feedback from the Jail? What would be possible? What to avoid?

R Gutcheck asked the architects how long is the wall what are the space size? How much can we do?

T Popescu asked for floor plan in jail, and what are the possibilities?

Chief Nelson said we can't give out jail schematics. They can survey the inmates about what would be good for them. Covid has put a damper on the outreach. Art may be limited to painting/mural. Programming areas might be used.

E Lunsford would like a chance to talk to Chief Nelson personally.

E Lunsford motioned to ask police department to outreach and gather information from the community as to what it means to be welcoming regarding the CJC. C Teo seconded Motion passed unanimously.

Raniere talked about Dawson's Place for children that is comforting. This place reminded her of what this project could be. How do we meet the needs of all the people coming through there?

B Miller- What can we give our voices, make this to be, and how can we change things in the future?

80.2 Equity & Social Justice work

T Popescu will send out equity worksheets to Art Commissioners.

80.3 Cultural Plan

Postposed to next meeting.

90. FUTURE BUSINESS – None

100. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm