



Meeting Notes

TOWN OF LA CONNER ARTS COMMISSION

Thursday, Feb.13, 2019 @ 1000 am

February 13, 2020 meeting of the La Conner Arts Commission was held at the Garden Club and called to order at 10:00 a.m. by co-chair, Sylvia Strong.

Present: Sylvia Strong Chairperson, co-chair Craig Barber, Nick Fennel, Gary Giovane, and Sheila Johnson, Administrator Scott Thomas

Scott Thomas. The agenda, set by Town Councilman, John Leaver, was as follows:

- Finalize sculpture location
- Dedication Plaque for sculpture
- Art's Alive:
 - Work assignments
 - Theme for show
 - Invitational Artists

Sculpture Location- Sculpture Location- A site at the top of the Benton Street stairs is the preferred location for the sculpture to honor Clayton James, which is being created by sculptor, Richard Nash. Other locations around town were discussed, and they were thought to be too visually cluttered, not on town property, or would require significant engineering to safely anchor the sculpture. The sculptor will visit the location before the decision is finalized.

*Administrator Scott indicated that the Parks Commission will review various Parks locations that they deem appropriate for future installations of art and will provide this info to the Arts Commission.

Gary Giovane suggested a sign on 1st Street to point out the sculpture at the top of the stairs, its 2nd Street accessibility, and the two museums on the hilltop.

Dedication Plaque- A bronze plaque, visually complimentary to the patina of the sculpture, was discussed. The proposed wording is 'A Gift in Honor of Clayton James and Barbara Straker James', followed by the names of the piece and the sculptor will be created and affixed. Sylvia will review the proposed plaque with the donor and the sculptor. Sheila will gather more information about plaque mounting options.

Art's Alive-

Task Assignments

- Gary - Installation
- Craig - 'Town Ambassador' for sponsorships and volunteers
- Sheila - Graphics, advertising, promotion, Facebook
- Sylvia - Website, curating
- Nick - will consider the areas to which he can contribute

Show Theme and Invitational Artists

The theme of '*Legacy in Light*' was suggested. The commissioners discussed light-filled art and exploring a different legacy. Examples of artworks were viewed, and a preliminary list of artists to be contacted was made. Commissioners will be exploring other possibilities and sending them on to Sylvia.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 12th @1000AM; Location: TBD