

City of Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board Meeting

February 7, 2017

Present:

Board Members: Tatiana Ausema, Anna Socrates, Mark Granfors-Hunt, Oliver Gaycken, Win Britt

Members absent with prior notice: John Drago

Members absent without prior notice: Charlette Wilson

Staff Liaison: Nicole DeWald

Council Liaison: Judith Davis

The meeting started at 7:07pm

- I. A quorum was verified:** Five out of Seven AAB members were present.
- II. Approval and additional Items for the agenda:** The agenda was approved with one addition. Judith Davis requested time at the end of the group presentations for additional discussion.
- III.** Lola Skolnik represented **Greenbelt Pottery Group** in place of Madeleine Golde, President. Ms. Skolnik presented a brief overview of the past year for the group, as outlined in their renewal application. 2017 will be the next year for the Empty Bowls project, probably in October. Perhaps some potters will give a pottery show at Green Man this year, or perhaps Bhenke's. It was also suggested that perhaps the Greenbelt Museum could make some space available to show their pottery.
- IV.** Eva Fallon, Secretary, appeared representing **Greenbelt MakerSpace**, and gave a brief overview of the past year for the group, introducing them as a first time applicant. There was an explanation of what Biota meant, as well as a brief overview of ongoing programs coming up next year as stated in their application. The structure is changing over to a cooperative model, so that the community has a greater buy in to the organization. They hope to do a solar system walk in the near future.
- V.** A conversation about Greenbelt Marching Bands request to the City of Greenbelt for an exemption from matching funds will come before city council. It is felt that the request for action or input from the AAB is premature.
- VI.** J. Davis presented some background about petitions that come before city council. She talked about city councils desire to track, respond and be transparent about these petitions. In the council's recent process of reviewing petitions, there are three that have come through the Arts Council and are still outstanding and Ms. Davis requested an update on them. The first is the newspaper stand project. Two other outstanding petitions from the 2013-14 calendar year include Gale Martinou's request to paint murals on the Greenbelt Theatre walls, and the other is John Drago's request to have an Art Day on the lawn in Roosevelt Center. We responded that the Arts Advisory Board is advisory in nature and does not itself manage projects. City Council and AAB are aware that circumstances have occurred that have set back the newspaper stand project. Regarding the Theatre murals, Gale Martinou has moved on from the

AAB and as far as we know, is not following up on her request. AAB will follow-up with Mr. Drago about his art show project.

VII. The meeting Adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Granfors-Hunt
Secretary, City of Greenbelt, Arts Advisory Board

Approved at the March 7, 2017 AAB Meeting