

WASHINGTON STATE ARTS COMMISSION

The minutes of the regular meeting held at the Chelan County P.U.D., Wenatchee, Washington, October 7, 1966.

Chairman Robert W. Evans called the adjourned meeting of August 5, 1966, to order at 10 a.m. with the following members present:

William Werrbach, Secretary
Huntington Eoyd
John Ashby Conway
Mrs. John Haydon
Mrs. A. Victor Johnson
Mrs. Harry Johnson

Mrs. Milton Katims
Gene Keene
Jack Mayer
Marjorie R. Phillips
Dr. Alfred Stojowski
Mrs. Thomas Williams

Members not present and excused:

Kenneth W. Brooks
Sherman R. Huffine
Mrs. Ebba Rapp McLauchlan
Reino Randall

Robert H. Schulman
Mrs. D.E. Skinner
Pearl A. Wanamaker

Guests:

Mrs. Robert Schulman
Mrs. John Ashby Conway

Maxine Cushing Gray, The Argus

The following items of business were discussed:

1. Calligraphy Scrolls from Hyogo Prefecture. Mr. Evans showed scrolls done by the Chief Abbot, Sakamoto of Seicho-ji (Buddhist) Temple of the Hyogo Prefecture. They are for the members of the committee who helped with the Governor's Invitational Show. A letter from Governor Evans accompanied the scrolls.
2. New Members. Mr. Evans welcomed Jack Mayer of Anacortes and Mrs. John Haydon of Seattle, new members appointed by the Governor.
3. Press Clippings. Since we have started subscribing to a clipping service, we have accumulated many news clippings relating to the Arts Commission. Mrs. A. V. Johnson volunteered to take charge of them and put them in a scrapbook.
4. Annual Report. An outline of the annual report was distributed specifying which Commission member should write which report. Deadline is hopefully November 1. William Werrbach is chairman and material should be sent to him. Suggestions were made that committee members' names be included in given projects, that reproductions of such newspaper articles as Wayne Johnson's columns be included, that any annual reports from other states be sent to Mr. Werrbach as samples.

5. Nominations. Since this is a continuation of an adjourned meeting of August 5, Mr. Evans turned the meeting over to Huntington Boyd, chairman of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Boyd announced that nominees for the three officers who serve one year are:

Chairman	- Robert W. Evans
Vice-Chairman	- Marjorie R. Phillips
Secretary-Treasurer	- Sherman R. Huffine

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the nominations be closed and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot.

Mrs. Phillips recommended that committee structure be reviewed and that chairmen and members be seriously considered in terms of interest and needs. She further recommended that Commissioners specify in writing the committees on which they want to serve.

Mr. Wernbach moved that the August meeting be adjourned, motion seconded by Boyd, carried.

6. October meeting called to order. Mr. Evans called the October 7 meeting to order. Minutes of the August 5 meeting were approved as distributed.
7. Congress of the Arts. Chairman Huntington Boyd reviewed the next day's Congress, mentioning the good press the Commission has received and his expectation of an attendance of some 80 people. He added that Gene Keene is to moderate the panel on Title III and John Conway, the panel on College and the Community. In addition, William Radcliff, art supervisor for the State Office of Public Instruction, was replacing Rich Boyd. It is his hope that the Congress will act as a spark in setting up communications between communities and perhaps result in a clearing house.
8. Guemes Island. Mr. Evans reported that the resolution on Guemes Island adopted at the August 5 meeting was sent to the Governor and that it has caused considerable discussion. It was pointed out that 99% of the people in Skagit County think the aluminum plant is a healthy development, that Guemes Island is a residential area, that the Island is relatively poor, and that the main concern is to see that steps are being taken to prevent pollution before it starts. It was also pointed out that Anacortes is involved in a renewal program, one of the few cities in the United States that has done as much for itself, that they are trying to develop theatre, music and choral groups and that the community is devoid of cultural activities but needs people and industry to help.

After the discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that the State Arts Commission reply to the Governor's letter, endorsing his position on regional planning and advising that the State Arts Commission would like to have representation in regional planning so that it could encourage areas to maintain natural beauty, prevent pollution, etc. Mr. Evans suggested that we should also write Magazine "Seattle."

9. Multi-Purpose Center. Mr. Evans introduced Pt. Townsend residents Gael Stuart, Supt. of Schools, Phil Copps, Puget Sound Power & Light, Richard McCurdy, Pt. Townsend Leader, and Wm. Eaton, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who made a presentation on behalf of that town. Slides were shown, each Commission member was given a written presentation, copy of which is attached to these minutes. Following the presentation, the discussion covered not only Pt. Townsend but the other sites being considered. Mrs. Phillips commented the people in Pt. Townsend would give their wholehearted support.

Mr. Evans returned briefly to the election of officers and paid tribute to William Werrbach and Kenneth Brooks who have just completed terms as secretary and vice-chairman respectively.

Mr. Evans advised that the three sites under consideration had been discussed with Charles Odegaard although it appears that the final choice rests with the State Arts Commission.

After considerable discussion, a motion was made and seconded that the Commission vote on four sites for the multi-purpose center, namely: Fort Worden State Park, Leavenworth, Lake Cle Elum and White Pass - and that the location drawing the majority of votes be given to Mr. Odegaard.

Voting on the site for the multi-purpose center was as follows:

Fort Worden State Park	- 8
Cle Elum	- 3

Mr. Evans commented that the Seattle Youth Symphony has been offered land in the Pt. Ludlow area including a lake and all they have to do is pay the taxes. The Commission felt that land at the other sites should be reserved while the land is still available.

10. Governor's Invitational Art Show. Mr. Evans announced that since its return from Japan, the show has been in Pt. Townsend, Bellingham and Vancouver and that the costs for moving the show have been higher than desirable. He reported that the Philip McCracken sculpture was stolen in Bellingham and nothing has come of the investigation. Mrs. McCracken has written a letter requesting the Commission to publicize the theft and ask the thief to return the sculpture. Mr. Mayer said that Anacortes would like to have the show but not until spring.

The Commission discussed the \$600 owing on the shipping of the show to Japan and the opinion was expressed that this is a function of the State and should be paid for by the State. A motion was made and seconded that the Commission write to the Secretary of State explaining that the Commission cannot use its funds for that purpose and requesting the State to act. After discussion, motion passed.

12. Third Annual Invitational Show. After outlining the responsibilities of the State Arts Commission for the Second Invitational Show (three Commission members served on jury, we have been charged with \$600 for the show and are presently touring the state with it) a motion was made and seconded that a Third Invitational Show be held under the auspices of

- another agency, if possible, and that it should be the function of this Commission to stimulate shows rather than put on an art show. Motion passed unanimously.
12. Murals. Mr. Werrbach reported that artists have been invited to submit works for the art show in the Reception Rooms of the State Legislative Building that would be appropriate for murals. After discussion, it was agreed that sculptures as well as paintings should be displayed in order to expose the members of the Legislature to various kinds of art. Mr. Evans added Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Haydon and Mrs. Williams to the committee to work out details.
 13. Capitol Exhibits. Mr. Evans reported that the works of Ellensburg painters are now being shown. Walla Walla painters will be next. In answer to a question by Mrs. Williams, Mr. Evans said those selected could be chosen by a group in Walla Walla. He also stated that he had talked briefly to Ibsen Nelsen about exhibiting arts in the Capitol.
 14. Awards. Mr. Evans reminded the Commission that it was voted at the last Commission meeting to give an award to Bellingham for their preservation of the City Hall. Mr. Boyd was asked to call Bellingham to determine if a representative could be present the next day to receive the award.

It was suggested that Angus Bowmer, director of the Ashland Festival, be given an award on Saturday night in Tacoma where he would be directing excerpts from Shakespeare. The question of giving an award to someone who now resides outside the state was discussed, and it was pointed out that Mr. Bowmer is, of course, a native son and was educated here. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that the Commission give an award to Mr. Bowmer.

Mr. Boyd reported that the Mayor of Bellingham had named Mrs. Fleeson as an appropriate and worthy person to receive the award and that she will be present at the Congress.
 15. Holiday Magazine Awards. Three replies have been received suggesting proper awards: Walla Walla City Park, Ohme Gardens, Festival Theatre. Mr. Evans said all suggestions would be summarized and forwarded to the Governor.
 16. Arts and Humanities. Mr. Keene has receives six or seven affidavits from groups granted funds. Remaining are purely administrative functions to process grants.
 17. Cultural Survey. Mr. Keene is proceeding with a cultural survey of the state.
 18. State Seal. Mr. Werrbach said there was nothing to report; he had written a letter to the Secretary of State and is waiting for a reply. The Secretary of State is to compile all the designs that have been used and let Mr. Werrbach know when they are ready.

19. Memberships in Friends of the Kennedy Center, Arts Councils of America. We have been asked to join both organizations but we are not allowed to spend any Commission funds for this purpose. There was also some discussion of the Tom Sawyer project; Mrs. Katims and Mrs. Williams will talk to Mr. Radcliff the following day to determine the best way this can be realized for the State of Washington.
As far as the Arts Councils of America is concerned, we have been asked repeatedly to join but so far have been frustrated because of the ruling on funds; Mr. Evans was granted permission to investigate cost, category, legality, etc. Mr. Evans also announced that there will be a joint meeting of the Arts Councils of America and the National Foundation on Arts & Humanities in Washington, D.C. on December 16 to discuss technical matters of administration, reports, and long term goals of state plans. He advised that Commission members attending the meeting would be reimbursed for transportation and per diem expenses.
20. Smithsonian Institute. There are regional plans for the Northwest and Mr. Evans suggested that anyone interested in working on regional development would find the work greatly appreciated.
21. Legislation for State Arts Commission. There is obvious need for re-writing the legislation that created this Commission. Mr. Evans reported that Mrs. Jane Dowdle Smith in the Attorney General's office has agreed to work with the Governor's office to rewrite the legislation. Mr. David Peyton will work with Mrs. Smith.
22. Poet Laureate. One of the specific tasks assigned to the State Arts Commission in the legislation is to choose a poet laureate for the State. In a brief discussion, it was suggested that a poet laureate be chosen for one year at a time. Mrs. Mary Johnson was selected as chairman of committee to choose poet laureate with Robert Schulman, Mrs. Katims and such others as Mrs. Johnson sees fit.
23. Joffrey Ballet. Mr. Evans reported that Boise wants the Joffrey group for a week and Alaska and Portland are still talking about it. He said the group will come to Seattle or Tacoma for four weeks of rehearsals with some master classes. Following this, they will spend a week in Tacoma for performances and four full scale classes, a week in Seattle, the week in Boise, and week either in Alaska, Hawaii or Portland. Mr. Evans said he would like to have fifty cent performances for every school child.
24. Future Meetings. Mr. Werrbach moved that the next meeting be held in Seattle; this would be the first Friday in December, December 2; Mrs. Mary Johnson seconded the motion which was carried. Mrs. Phillips will contact William Woods of the Seattle Natural Gas Co. who has invited us to meet there. The February meeting will be held in Olympia.
25. Budget. With copies of the budget distributed to the Commission members (and attached to these minutes) Mr. Evans commended Mrs. Wanamaker for the wonderful job she did in putting the budget together. In the absence of

Mrs. Wanamaker, Mrs. Phillips reported for her that she had help from Miss Borhild Helgeson, James Ryan, B.B. Brodin, Kit Bates, and Miss Marie Stuck. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that a vote of commendation be given to the budget drafting committee for their work with particular emphasis to Mrs. Wanamaker.

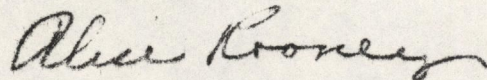
26. Artmobile. Mr. Evans reported on communications from the Commonwealth of Virginia which has had such success with its artmobile that they now have four. The information was given to Mrs. Phillips to take to Mr. Woods of the Washington Natural Gas Co. with a view to arousing their interest.

27. Miscellaneous:

- ...California Governors Design Awards. Mr. Evans suggested that Governor Evans might be interested in this for our state.
- ...Letter from Hyogo Prefecture Government. Thanking State Arts Commission for catalogs, publicity for Tessai show.
- ...Auditors report on State Arts Commission appears to be in order.
- ...Mr. Mayer suggested that the State Arts Commission use commemorative stamps on its mail.
- ...Proposal from Anne Gerety Hill on the theatre was referred to Mr. Conway.
- ...Dr. Stojowski reviewed the activities in connection with the Dimensions for a Greater Wenatchee Conference now being held.

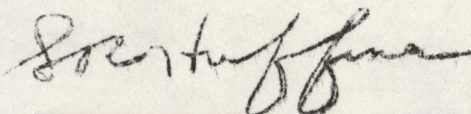
28. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alice Rooney
Executive Secretary

Accepted:



Sherman R. Huffino