

Exhibitions Committee, 10/27/15

Attending: Commission: Emily, Peter, Dan; Staff: Jeff, Steve

Jeff and Steve briefly reviewed the current slate of exhibitions organized and cosponsored by CHCAC: Juried solo artists exhibitions at Town Hall and the Library, Black History month exhibits, i.e. the forthcoming show in February honoring pioneering Town leader Howard Lee; the employee Poetry contest; Sculpture Visions; Scrapel Hill; and Banned Book Week, all currently on view; and forthcoming Shimmer.

Following discussion, the following was agreed:

1. Regarding the Town Hall and Library juried exhibitions, a commissioner should be added to the jury, the artists should receive an honorarium, and additional publicity should be planned. The details of all of this should be considered next spring prior to the next call for entries and implemented for FY 2016-7.
2. Scrapel Hill has lost its edge over the years and is now considered a lot of work for University Place, rather than an exciting project. We recommend meeting with the Mall stakeholders in January/February 2016 to debrief and discuss the future of the exhibition. If it is to be continued, consideration should be given to moving it back to its original environmental focus and holding it around Earth day (hold next show in April 2017) and partnering with schools—possibly high school--to engage family audiences—and tie in programming that will not only build at and environmental awareness but also mall attendance, perhaps even in cooperation with Kidzu. If it is to be continued, there probably will need to be other partners within the Mall.
3. Sculpture Visions will be a major committee focus this year. Initially, the committee will tour the new installations and review the history of the show, participants, number of submissions, budget, etc. The website has complete images of previous years' exhibitions.
4. Regarding SHIMMER, Jeff has asked Sarah to attend the next commission meeting with information about new sponsors and images and information about the artists selected. Dan asked that she consider adding a second evening and inclement weather options.

The meeting adjourned and members toured Scrapel Hill. The next meeting date has not been set.