

BELLEVUE ARTS COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION
SUMMARY MINUTES

April 1, 2009
4:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E -109

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Finley, Commissioners Shepherd, Holder, Kiselev, Ptacek, Tremblay

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Commissioner Donkin

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Pat Byrne, Department of Planning and Community Development

OTHERS PRESENT:

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mary Pat Byrne

The study session began at 5:00 p.m. Chairperson Finley presided. All Commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Donkin who was excused.

Mary Pat Byrne, Arts Specialist in the Planning and Community Development department reviewed with the commission background information on the Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestra's organizational health.

Chair Finley and commissioners Ptacek and Holder who serve on the allocations committee reviewed the information that Bellevue Philharmonic representatives provided at their Eastside Arts Partnerships interview in March and the reasons why the committee planned to bring a reduced funding recommendation forward at the Commission's next meeting.

Ms. Byrne told the commissioners that she has notified the BPO's board chair Dale Miller and their executive director Jennifer McCausland of the pending recommendation and let them know when the Commission was scheduled to discuss and vote on the recommendation. Representatives of the BPO plan to attend and update the group on their status.

Ms. Byrne said Ms. McCausland brought an emergency funding request for \$50,000 to Council. Board members are reviewing the BPO's finances and may revise the request downward somewhat. Hopefully they will provide updated information at the Commission's April 14th meeting.

Chair Finley adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.