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**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, August 19, 2021
Library Rogers Room, ZOOM**

Minutes approved by the PAC on September 16, 2021.

1 CALLED TO ORDER:

Dana Eytzen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Dana Eytzen, Pat Truax, Emily Lux, Linda Taylor, Leslie Crandell Dawes, Amy Tracewell, Kathleen Leatham, Brenna Cooper

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Winters

COUNCILOR PRESENT: Councilor Kristy Kottkey

ABSENT: Anne Lane, Councilor Marianna Valenzuela

2 PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

3 CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve PAC Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2021.

MOTION: Motion to approve minutes as written made by Pat. Kathleen seconded.
MOTION CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY.

4 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: None.

5 DISCUSSION/DECISION/PRESENTATION ITEMS:

A. Metro's Community Placemaking Grant Application: A budget and overview was provided and discussed. Funding and locations were reviewed. The PAC is waiting to hear back from Brian Pohl regarding the necessity of the City Council to also approve the call for art. The URA has given its approval, and we are also waiting to hear if the URAC needs to as well.

MOTION: Motion to apply for the Community Placemaking Grant and approval of the Mural Festival budget made by Amy. Kathleen seconded. Motion amended to approve the Community Placemaking Grant, Mural Festival budget, and to include

up to \$6,000 from discretionary funds for the project if grant funds do not cover its entirety. MOTION CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY. Emily abstained from voting.

- B. Open Aire Gallery Call for Art:** The Call for Art went out last Friday. It was submitted to RACC and shared multiple places digitally. The deadline for artists is September 24. A selection committee meeting is scheduled for September 29 at 5:30 pm with a special meeting of the PAC scheduled for September 30 to choose the finalist.
- C. Messages of Hope Subcommittee Report:** Subcommittee members will retrieve the signs that were installed in public places, and then will meet to determine future plans for the signs. If they are to be reinstalled elsewhere, new stakes may need to be purchased.

6 INFORMATION / UPDATE ITEMS:

- A. Finance Report-**Reviewed. No significant changes.
- B. Final Mural Policy Update:** The mural policy was approved by City Council. Compliments to Colleen for presenting and to the PAC for all of their hard work. A News-Times article and press release came out this week. This has been a long road but an exemplary accomplishment.
- C. Artwork Donation Update:** The donor has not been contacted yet, but the plan is to discuss the possibility of an alternate public location with them, such as the senior center. The donor and artist have a special connection to the library, so this may be preferred.
- D. Mural Festival Update:** Information was included in item 5A.
- E. Meet the Artist Dinner Update:** The flyer was reviewed and is beautiful. We need to include COVID safety information to complete it. Discussion/questions regarding how to hold this event safely and appropriately. Colleen spoke with Jesse, who advised that this is a private event in a private home, meaning the rules will be different than that of a truly City sponsored event. Specific concerns include gathering inside the house for the cooking class portion, weather contingency plan in case of rain. Could we find a different location (such as Nana Cardoon) that has a larger, covered outdoor area? Is holding this event the right thing to do? Should we reschedule for a future date instead of planning for September 19th? The consensus is that the PAC should hold this event when we can feel great about it; it will be a wonderful event that we are all looking forward to and should be postponed for a time with fewer COVID concerns.
- F. City's Sesquicentennial Committee:** Chairs of all Boards and Commissions will make up the Sesquicentennial Committee. Dana will update after the August 30th meeting.

7 B/C COMMUNICATIONS:

Emily: Happy Anniversary to Dana and Ian! We should revisit creating Public Arts Commission masks with our "Art Belongs Everywhere and to Everyone" graphic.

Emily is working with Washington Square Mall to create a public art project involving youth in the winter.

Leslie: The documentary “Black Girl in the Woods” has come to an end for this year. The main subject of the film was injured, and plans to return to training after healing. They will begin filming again next summer. The theatre is now live and in person, with masks and vaccinations required. The new season has just been announced, and is housed at Portland Center Stage. A seven million dollar renovation project is commencing!

8 STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: None.

9 COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: None.

10 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2021.

11 ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.