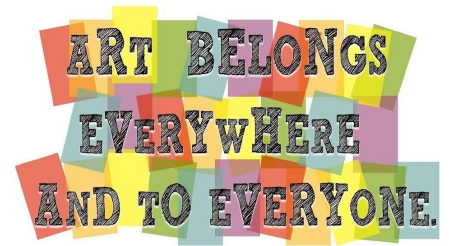




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**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, June 15, 2023
Virtual only via ZOOM**

Minutes are approved as amended by the B/C 07.20.2023

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Pat Truax, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Pat Truax, Brenna Cooper, Brian Harris, Emily Lux, Dana Eytzen, Linda Stiles-Taylor

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Winters

COUNCILOR PRESENT: Malynda Wenzl

ABSENT: Kathleen Leatham

GUEST: N/A

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. *Approve B/C Meeting Minutes of April 18th, 2023, Call For Art Jury, and PAC Subcommittee meeting minutes*

- a. The April meeting minutes were approved at our previous meeting. We will review May and June minutes, as well as subcommittee minutes, at our July meeting.

4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Additions:

- Summer Lunch Program

Deletions:

- Meet the Artist Dinner Planning (Kathleen's event will now be held the last week of August)

5. **DISCUSSION/DECISION/PRESENTATION ITEMS:**

- A. **Strategic Plan Implementation:** Reviewed and added point people for each priority area.
- B. **Sponsorships and Mini-Grants:** Applications will open again as soon as the budget is finalized.
- C. **City Hall/Developmental Services Annex Artwork:** A meeting was held with Jesse VanderZanden. Artwork will be reviewed and a subcommittee will form, perhaps to include something for the grand opening celebration. Ideas discussed included distributing pieces of track from the historic trolley system.
- D. **Summer Lunch Program:** Forest Grove School District offers free lunch to youth up to 18 years of age in various locations throughout the summer. Artistic activities and other recreation opportunities were provided to participants pre-pandemic. The new City recreation program is cost-prohibitive for many, if not most families. Advocacy for free recreation programs for low-income children is needed. Volunteers and supplies need to be solicited. One idea is to connect with Home Plate for partnership ideas.

6. **INFORMATION / UPDATE ITEMS:**

- A. **Finance Report:** Was not reviewed.
- B. **Rotary Sculpture Garden:** City Council approved the PAC's recommendation and the artist will begin working. Thank you to Leslie for suggesting that contracts be complete prior to the call. This saved a lot of time and streamlined the process.

Miscellaneous: (Non-agenda item) There are two open positions on the Public Arts Commission, plus an open youth representative seat. Elections will be held in November.

7. **B/C COMMUNICATIONS:** None

8. **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:** The library's summer reading program has had a high enrollment. Approximately 200 kids signed up in the first week. The library book sale raised \$7,700 in three days, which is a record amount. The "Repair Fair" will be held on June 17th.

9. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:** The summer recreation program is being built and there is a need for rec leads and employees for the summer. There will be a variety of opportunities for youth. On Thursday, July 13th from 4-6pm, a ribbon cutting will be held to celebrate the grand opening of the new City Hall building. The City has applied for federal funding for projects including improving TV Hwy safety, including adding crosswalks in problematic areas, solar panel projects, and more. Metro will be implementing a 4% increase plus additional fees, but is also pausing “field fees” and is researching fee structures. “Time, place, and manner” Q & A will come out in the newspaper and on social media. Washington County is closing the Hwy 47 encampment. There will be no large fireworks display this year in Forest Grove.
10. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on July 20th, 2023 via zoom.
11. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Lux.