

Minutes Approved as Amended 09.21.2023

August 17, 2023

Present: Pat Truax, Chair; Kathleen Leatham, Secretary; Emily Lux, Vice Chair; Dana Eytzen, Treasurer; Brenna Cooper; Brian Harris; Linda Styles-Taylor; Malynda Wentzl, Council Liaison; Colleen Winters, Staff Liaison; Vacancy, Vacancy, HS Student Vacancy

Meeting called to order at 5:14 PM

Minutes: The minutes for the July Meeting were not provided. To be read and approved at next meeting.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approve Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2023
2. Approve Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2023
3. Approve Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2023
4. Approve Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2023

The above minutes were not provided with the agenda and were held over until the September meeting for approval.

Additions, deletions: No Additions or Deletions

Discussion/Decision Items:

1. Art Acquisition Document Discussion – Donated Art to Add to the City of Forest Grove Art Collection
2. A discussion was held regarding the City funds of \$5,000 provided to frame the Robert Weller painting and to repair/preserve/frame the plat map of early Forest Grove. Currently, Kristen Ling of A Framer's Touch will give us a bid for the work and a curator in Portland will stabilize the map.
3. Art Festival Update was given by Linda Taylor. In the last sub-committee meeting it was confirmed that Adelante had agreed to have the Festival events on First Wednesday Market in 2024 for a total of four festival dates with seven (7) venues each date. A buy-in is needed from PAC for materials/supplies. Outside estimate currently is approximately \$1,000 out

of budget. The first Stakeholders' meeting will be held in the Municipal Auditorium on September 14, 2023 at 5:30 pm. The plan is for stakeholders to organize their own events within the framework set by PAC for the Arts Festival. PAC members would volunteer on each First Wednesday for coordination and information. Estimate 4 PAC members each Wednesday.

4. A discussion was held regarding the request by Pacific University to place two of the Michihiro Kosuge stone sculptures in the refurbished Barbara Story Garden on campus. The garden has been re-landscaped, and the hope is to dedicate the refurbished garden in October of this year. Amy Tracewell, acting on behalf of PU, would like to receive two from a) the tall sculpture with platform, b) the one referred to as the cupcake, c) lips with bench. Kathleen and Brian requested that we place the tall sculpture with platform someplace else in the city. Jessie had mentioned that he would like to gift Pacific the two sculptures. Linda suggested that we charge the school 1/6th of our cost of moving them. Mayor Wentzl stated that goodwill needed to play a part in our decision and that she recommended gifting the works to Pacific. No further discussion ensued regarding the topic. A motion was made and seconded to approve the gift of the lips with bench and the cupcake to Pacific for the Barbara Story Garden. Motion passed.
5. Colleen stated that Ann Lane from Parks and Rec had gone to see the remaining sculptures and requested that they all be placed in parks, specifically Bard Park. "B" Street Trailhead or grassy area, and the new park on 26th. Tabled for further discussion.
6. A painting by Bob Schlegel was donated to the library by Carolyn Williams. It is of the Indian School that used to be in Forest Grove. Colleen reached out to Peggy Schlegel to let her know of the donation. She came to see it and agreed that it should be in the library. It was moved and seconded that the painting be accepted into the city collection and remain at the library. Motion carried.

Information updates:

1. The budget was not reviewed as it was not included in the packet. Pat reported that the funds received from the meet the artist events to date had been received.

2. Amy Tracewell's Meet the Artist event was well attended and received with funds to date totaling \$905.00.
3. The Meet the Artist dinner at Kathleen's is sold out will be held on August 25th.

Commission Communications:

1. Emily reported that 97111 will be held November 17, 18 and 19. The venue this year will be Gann's Printing. Holding a simultaneous Art Bazaar was briefly discussed. Dana, Pat and Kathleen will look at this further and report back to the commission.

Staff Communications:

1. Colleen reported that the new City Recorder has been hired and is on board training. She is Marial Wells and comes from Santa Barbara, CA to this position.
2. The library van that was purchased by a bequest made to the Library Foundation has been painted with a graphic design that was suggested by staff and is based on the mural by the garden.

Council Communications:

1. Mayor Wentzl reported that the next work session of the council committee to review Boards and Commissions would be held via Zoom prior to the City Council Meeting on August 21st.
2. Colleen explained the process for the Boards and Commissions decisions by sub-committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 by Pat.

Commissioners:

Staff Liaison:

Council: