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PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Minutes approved as presented 10.21.2023.

1. **CALLED TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 5:09 pm by Chair, Pat Truax

ROLL CALL: Pat Truax, Dana Eytzen, Emily Lux, Kathleen Leatham, Brenna Cooper. No one attended via Zoom

ABSENT: Brian Harris – excused

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Wenzl, Colleen Winters

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a) Approve B/C Meeting Minutes of March, April, May, June, August 2023 and August Art Festival Sub-committee minutes, 2023
- b) July, 2023 as read by Colleen Winters

MOTION: Moved and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

4. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:** None.

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

A mini-grant had been submitted by FGHS Drama Department. Pat reported that the grant does not fit criteria and that it had been referred to the Forest Grove Educational Foundation for funding.

Report was given by Dana regarding the quotes/progress of framing/preserving the Robert Weller painting and the map for City Hall. Currently the map is with curator who has not yet given a report. The quotes for the framing were reported from A Framers Touch and Frame Central. At this time decisions must be made regarding type of glass we wish to use and the division of allotted monies for both pieces. Mayor Wenzl indicated that she would like to speak with the City Manager regarding the budget line item regarding art in the renovated City Hall prior to the frame decision. Regarding placement of the Weller, Colleen indicated that the Library is considering a location in the building to hang all three Wellers together. Moved to

October agenda.

Discussion/update of Art Festival 2024. The first stakeholders' meeting was very successful with more than twenty organizations represented and interested in participating. Some good ideas were shared and Linda developed a survey designed to better pin point what/where/when preferences for the stakeholders. (Please see attached Stakeholder Meeting Minutes attached for detail of this event).

Discussion/update on the donation of Michihiro Kosuge sculptures to Pacific University for the refurbished Barbara Story Garden. Pacific will contact Five Star Construction to arrange for the pieces to be moved.

Pat reported that she met with Ann Lane from Parks and Recreation to look at the remaining sculptures. Ann expressed interest in the "teapot" and the taller, two-tone piece. She wishes to place at least one at Steitz Park. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of placing the teapot in Fernhill Wetlands as the environment lends itself to the piece. Pat suggested that the remaining sculpture that has a marble component be polished and placed inside a public building. Suggestion made that the lobby of the Municipal Auditorium might be appropriate.

Colleen gave an update on the donation of the Bob Schlegel painting that was given by _____. The painting is not of the original Indian School in Forest Grove as was originally thought. Colleen read a detailed account of the building represented and the actual site of the school. After discussion, the placement of the donation was tabled until October pending Colleen's discussion with Mrs. Schlegel.

Location options for the Art Bazaar were discussed. It was decided that Colleen would speak to Jamie to determine if the auditorium would be available beginning Friday night, November 17th (for set-up) to accommodate the bazaar from 10-4 on Saturday, November 18th. Dana will contact Pat and Kathleen for a meeting to discuss logistics as soon as the use of the auditorium is determined.

An update/discussion regarding the Seven Generations sculpture was given. Dana and Colleen had investigated the possibility of placing the sculpture on a stone to give it greater height and less accessibility for climbing. There were issues regarding the weight of the stone on the plinth as well as the logistics of mounting the sculpture onto the stone and the stone onto the plinth. The decision by the commission was to go with the original plan and mount the sculpture on the plinth.

The budget was discussed and clarifications/corrections were made. Dana will continue working with Jaime, when necessary, on financials. Please refer to attached, corrected Budget.

6. INFORMATION / UPDATE ITEMS:

Short discussion regarding the B/C review committee meeting which is to be held at 5:30 on September 25th prior to the Council Meeting. Commissioners were reminded that comments will not be allowed until just prior to council meeting.

7. B/C COMMUNICATIONS:

Dana urged everyone to go and see the completed mural on Slow-rise Bakery. It is completed and wonderful.

Emily said that she is working with Habitat for Humanity as they begin the mural they commissioned with Emily.

8. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Colleen reported that the Annual Book Sale will be held beginning October 12th in the Rogers Room. She further announced the 50th Anniversary of the Friends of the Library. The anniversary will be celebrated in October.

9. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Mayor Wenzl gave an update on the continuing work to establish solutions for the homeless shelters/housing in Forest Grove. Locations are still being decided. The decision was made to develop only affordable housing on the Elm Street location. The mayor also reported on the decision being made by Power and Light regarding a rate hike to accommodate the 8.5% raise in cost to the city from Bonneville. Mayor Wenzl will go to Japan on September 26th with the Sister City delegation. Mayor Wenzl invited the commissioners to attend the ribbon cutting on November 4th for Steitz Park.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be 10/19/2023

11. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.