

Approved as Amended December 14, 2023

PAC Minutes – November 14, 2023

Present: Pat Truax, Linda Taylor,
Emily Lux, Dana Eytzen, Brenna Cooper (Zoom), Kathleen Leatham, Colleen Winter

Absent: Malynda Wenzl, Brian Harris

5:06 – Call to Order

Minutes of the Public Arts Commission Festival Subcommittee Work Session of October 17, 2023 were approved as presented.

Minutes of the PAC Meeting on October 19, 2023 were approved as corrected (#7)

Pat reported that the Kosuge “Stone5” will cost \$495 to move and position. Five Star Construction will complete the move. Pat will check with Jessie and Paul to confirm that the placement is okay as suggested by PAC. Colleen with follow-up. A motion was made and seconded to approve the funds expenditure to move the sculpture. Motioned carried.

Pat reported that we cannot move on the completion of the framing project for the City Hall Art. We have not heard from either Kristen Ling nor the curator regarding the two pieces.

Fall Into Art currently has 9 artists signed up for booths and 1 person for a 4 hour and 1 person for an all-day make and take projects area for kids. There is a variety of mediums represented. Artists may go in on Friday from 4-8 to set up and the event will run from 10 – 4 on Saturday. Artists may get into the building at 8am to complete set-up. Snacks, coffee, tea and water will be provided for artists. Directional signs will be set up in appropriate places in the area to encourage attendance.

Emily reported that 97116 will feature 107 artists, many of whom are repeat presenters. The opening and reception will be held on Friday from 6-10 pm with the show running on Saturday and Sunday from 12-4.

Linda Taylor reported on the progress of Art Festival 2024. The first meeting, which included those groups who wish to present on May 1st, was held on October 17th. A number of individuals were in attendance with enthusiasm and creative ideas (see minutes of meeting). The next meetings for Stakeholders will be held on November 28, January 23rd, and February

27th. These subcommittee meetings need to be approved by Council (with the exception of November 28th) after January 1, 2024. The members discussed what the possible/probable parameters will be for subcommittees going forward. Colleen will reach out to Jessie to see if these parameters have been set and report back.

Colleen reported on the status of the Seven Generations sculpture base. The artist has strongly suggested that the base be natural, such as rock, that is at least 3 feet high. Pictures went out to a rock supplier for suggestions and prices. Request will be made that the supplier set up the rock to hold the sculpture, deliver and set up. There is still concern from Greg regarding the weight of the overall project. Discussion was held by the members regarding an alternative to rock, such as metal. Dana stated that the artist is not completely opposed to that idea, but does not want the metal to clash with her bronze. Dana asked that the money for the base come from the PAC discretionary funds, not to exceed \$1,000. A motion was made and seconded. Motion passed.

Pat provided an update on hanging artwork in City Hall. AJ's pictures have been hung, and reports that he has more should they be desired/needed. Commission discussed again hanging some of the Sister City gifts in the City Auditorium. The auditorium is now rented for public events which leaves the artwork hung too exposed. Should it be decided to hang the three plates, it was suggested by Pat that they be encased in plexi-glass. A case 15x10x3 would cost \$180. The kimono that is currently rolled up on a shelf in the auditorium needs to be either stored appropriately or hung with protection. Currently Jamie is not interested in the kimono. She is looking for additional art at Valley Art.

Discussion was held regarding the Joint work session that was held between PAC members and the Council subcommittee on Boards and Commissions. What was the outcome? Is there any decision on the definition of "fund raising"? Colleen said that Jessie told her nothing had been defined as of yet. What does PAC need to further provide to Council to assist in the decision making. It was discussed again by members that, historically, staff time utilized was negligible.

Staff Communication: Colleen announced that the Library would be participating in the Dec. 2nd Holiday in the Grove with Cocoa with a Cop and music by Lauren Sheehan. Centro Cultural and Parks and Rec would also participate. Also on this date the Wassail Party would be coming back and be held from 1-4 pm.

Colleen further reported that the Library van is nearly complete and looks wonderful with the mural wrap. The van will be in the Holiday in the Grove parade. There have been 32 applicants for the position which will be vacated by Robin Crown (after 37 years!). There are five strong candidates who have been called back for in-person interviews.

Further reports: Pat reported that she attended the Stites Park opening and took pictures. Two sculptures are placed in the park. There has already been a report of graffiti in the park.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 14th (second Thursday this month) at 5 pm in the Rogers Room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.