

APPROVED AS PRESENTED 01.24.2024

December 14, 2023

Call to Order: 5:09 pm by the President

Present: Pat Truax, Brian Harris, Emily Lux, Kathleen Leatham, Dana Eytzen, Linda Stiles-Taylor, Colleen Winter, Brenne Cooper (Zoom)

Public Comment: Howard Sullivan spoke regarding the possible opportunity to reprise “Stars in the Grove”, which has not been held since Covid. Howard provided a guide of tasks that had been effective in producing the previous shows. He further suggested venues that had been used before and gave pros and cons of each. Suggested venues were Pacific’s Taylor-Meade Center, Forest Grove High School and the Senior Center. Public Arts could volunteer assistance and would be a probable recipient of a portion of the proceeds, which go to arts organizations in the city. PAC will re-visit this in the new year.

Minutes: November 14, 2023 minutes approved as corrected

Consent Agenda Items: None

Additions, deletions: None

Discussion Items:

1. A plaque for the Kosuge sculpture installed in the Auditorium was discussed. Wording was agreed upon. Colleen will speak to Jamie about getting the plaque. Colleen will also speak to Ann at Parks and Rec to decide who will provide plaques for the sculptures installed at Stites Park. Pat reported that Pacific and Clean Water Services will provide similar plaques for their Kosuge pieces on campus and at Fern Hill Wetlands.
2. The process that will be followed regarding sub-committees has not yet been established. Colleen continues to speak with Jessie as this process is put in place. At this time, there is no report.
3. Colleen reported that Laurie Kerns, Kristen Cast and Orson Marcel will fill the commission vacancies beginning with the January meeting. Moving forward, commission members whose terms are finished will not be contacted prior to the end of their terms. Kathleen raised the subject of

provided informational notebook to new members to be given to them at their orientation. Pat and Colleen had previously discussed the notebooks and agreed it was a good idea. Pat asked Dana to assist her in putting the information together prior to the orientation. It was suggested that a notebook also be provided for the new Council representative, who will be Council President Gustufson.

4. A memo from Jessie to Colleen regarding the Tourism Arts Program monies was discussed. PAC will receive approximately \$10,000 from the Tourism and Lodging C (fill in here). This amount may increase as the tax revenue increases. It is specifically earmarked for acquisition of permanent and/or rotating art and murals. This does not cover the other activities of PAC, including mini-grants and special projects. A discussion was held regarding the definition of fundraising. Since that has not been defined by Council, PAC will need to move on other activities at a later date. As there is much concern regarding the new Boards and Commissions rulings, PAC members will individually email Colleen their questions for her to compile and discuss with City Manager/Council.
5. Information Update:
 - a. Fall Into Art report – 8 artists participated and 2 additional artists provided hands-on activities throughout the day. All artists sold their work, and there was good interest in the event. In a survey, artists who responded said they would like to do it again. The costs incurred were discussed and recommendations were made on how this could be more cost effective as well as profitable.
 - b. Linda reported on the progress of Festival of the Arts. The community is highly responsive to this event and plans are moving forward with enthusiasm and good participation by numerous arts organizations and artists/performers. Stakeholders meetings will continue through February. Notes on each Stakeholder's meeting are available from, and provided by, Linda for further information as we move forward with the Festival planning and implementation. Thanks were given to Linda for her remarkable effort and organization.
 - c. Colleen reported that there is no decision as yet regarding the platform needed for the 7 Generations sculpture. Ideas were discussed. Colleen will remain involved with any decision.

- d. The sculpture for the Rotary Garden is currently scheduled to be completed in January with a possible installation in February.
- e. Colleen has reached out to Bob Schlegel's wife regarding what her wishes are for the painting that has been donated. As of this time, there has been no response from Mrs. Schlegel and no decision has been made.
- f. Pat reported that the 1894 map and the Weller painting are at Framer's Touch and both are ready for framing with materials either ordered or received. Framer's Touch will stay within the budget of \$5,000 provided by the City.
- g. Dana presented the budget in a revised format. It was well received and gave very clear information about the AR and AP funds. It was decided to a) accept the budget format presented, and b) have Dana add a column that will reflect the TAP monies.

Staff Communication:

Colleen reported on the success of Holiday in the Grove activities at the Library. The day was very well attended and all activities went well.

Commission Communication:

Dana shared that her husband, Ian, and two partners had purchased Waltz Brewing. It will be closed from Christmas until January 2, 2024 for remodeling and will be larger when re-opened. Congratulations and good wishes all around!

The next regular meeting of PAC will be on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 5 pm in the Rogers Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm by the President.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Leatham, Secretary

Review of Rotary Garden:

Baeza Donation:

Information updates:

Commissioners:

Staff Liaison:

Council: