

Minutes Approved by B/C on 10.17.2024

Minutes – Public Arts Commission Special Meeting on Festival of the Arts

Members in Attendance: Kristin Cast, Brenna Cooper, Dana Eytzen, Brian Harris, Kathleen Leatham, Emily Lux, Orson Marcel, Linda Taylor, Pat Truax, Colleen Winters – Staff Liaison, Donna Gustafson, Council Liaison

Call to Order – 1830

Additions and Deletions: Kidd Court, 7 Generations Sculpture

Discussion/Decisions Items:

Provide and Discuss the feedback received from Arts Stakeholders:

1. Commission members commented that folks liked the events and most who commented were not connected to arts in Forest Grove or to PAC
2. It was observed that many market goers would not venture beyond Main Street and 21st Street to search out events/performances. Suggestions were made to include those businesses on Main who are virtually shut off from the crowd by vendors. This could be accomplished by having music events inside different venues on Main. The Masonic Building and Legion were mentioned, but one is not ADA and the other houses a business. Kristen commented that she felt the Festival of the Arts felt separate from PAC. Recommendation to be more involved as a total group for creativity and communication.
3. There was good participation, particularly in those events that involved children. Many people each First Wednesday engaged in conversation and information regarding what the festival and PAC are. The City was cooperative regarding what permissions we needed, We had good collaboration with Adelante Mujeres which drew different people to the event and somewhat distinguished us from other, similar events.
4. Suggested that, should we do it next year, we try to have booths on 21st to draw attendees from Main toward other businesses. Also suggested that PAC sponsor conjoined booths that are paid through discretionary funds. This would allow us to have a “set” location throughout the event. Additionally, it was suggested PAC consider sponsoring a stage to be set up at the juncture of Main and 21st. Linda stated that there would have to be greater volunteer participation to do either of these things as they would be labor intensive. All members present consented to participate at a greater level. We could also enlist the assistance of HS kids who are in the community service program, the leadership class, and Honor Society.
5. We are awaiting Adelante’s agreement to collaborate for 2025.
6. Kathleen moved and Pat seconded that we commit to Festival of the Arts 2025.
Unanimous.

7. Emily moved and Pat seconded that we allocate \$2,000 from the discretionary fund to sponsor the stage. Unanimous.
8. Linda indicated that we would need a sub-committee to work on the Festival planning. Brian, Kristin, Orson and Linda will serve. There will be no monthly meeting until Adelante agrees to coordinate. Linda will submit a request to Council to form this sub-committee. It will not be necessary to convene the committee until January, 2025.
9. Linda agreed to let the Stakeholders know that PAC is committed to 2025.
10. Colleen stated that the rental of a fork lift to move the rock for 7 Generations would be \$427.49. Emily moved and Pat seconded to cover this cost from discretionary funds. Unanimous.
11. Pat spoke to PAC regarding Habitat wanting to erect a monument to Richard Kidd at Kidd Court, a Habitat project. They would like us to consider partnering with them for this project. Pat described to PAC some of the sculptors in the vicinity who have excellent pieces in their studio/shops that could be used. Pat will bring back more information after telling Habitat that we are interested in finding out more. Pat and Kathleen to visit the site for measurements and appropriate placements.

Special Meeting does not require a second meeting.

There were no further comments.

Adjourned at 1945.