

## Minutes Approved by B/C 09.18.2024

### PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

### MEETING

Thursday, August 15, 2024

Forest Grove Library, Rogers Room

- A. Call to Order 5:00 pm
  1. Roll Call – Kristin Cast, Brenna Cooper (zoom), Laurie Kerns (absent), Dana Eytzen, Brian Harris, Kathleen Leatham, Emily Lux, Orson Marcel, Linda Taylor, Pat Truax, Colleen Winter (Staff Liaison), Donna Gustafson, (Council Liaison)
- B. Public Comment – None
- C. Consent Agenda
  1. Approve PAC Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2024 – Pat Truax moved and Kathleen seconded. Minutes approved
- D. Additions/Deletions – Summer Rec Program at Bard Park
- E. Discussion/Decision Items
  1. Festival of the Arts – Linda reported that we had over 58 events over the 4 months. At this time, only \$150 is left for expenditure reimbursement. On August 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a wrap-up meeting. At 5:30 pm there will be a meeting of Stakeholders. Linda will guide a full discussion of feedback regarding the festival from the viewpoint and experience of the participants. Linda will send out an agenda to stakeholders prior to the meeting. This will be a joint meeting with the PAC present. At 6:30 pm, PAC members will meet to discuss the festival and feedback to determine if this is an event we would like to continue and grow. Jaime will send out the agenda for the PAC special meeting. Linda further reported that the feedback so far from participants has been mainly positive. Linda spoke with Adelante Mujares staff who were also supportive of the festival and had some suggestions for changes should we continue to another year.
  2. Advertising and increased visibility – A discussion was held regarding methods to make PAC more visible in the community. The following are suggestions to be followed up on:
    - Reserve space in the library to give info to patrons re: what we do
    - Repetitive imagery for PAC
    - Distribute PAC logo napkins to restaurants, venues
    - Small vignette of videos of artists to be put on web site – video interviews
    - Linda reported that she will be reserving a square on Main Street and the chalk for PAC on the advance registration evening at Valley Art and will deliver to Pat for the folks who will be doing Chalk Art to promote PAC.

3. Dana updated the Call for Art for the Lincoln Park Mural. Mural will be 850 sq. ft at \$20 per sq. ft. The mural must be able to be pressured washed. Anti-graffiti coating that can be cleaned by being lightly pressured washed will be applied. The city has approved the location. Colleen commented that TNT monies are to be spent for tourism. In planning to spend TNT money, incorporate into the plan the goal to enhance tourism. Dana responded with a quote from Emily supporting all public art is potentially just for tourists. Conversation ensued regarding the importance of a greater level of art into the community. Consensus was to proceed with the Call as directed. Kathleen moved and Pat seconded. Unanimous. Dana to get contract from Paul.
4. Dana shared the invitation to artists who want to participate in Fall Into Art this coming November. Currently, four have applied. Kristen suggested that we add some information regarding PAC. Dana will add logo to invitation.

#### F. Information Updates

1. Finance Report – No change until next meeting
2. Seven Generations Update – A woman fell over the stone, so the area will be protected with posts and chains. There has been some negative feedback from the public. A dedication/celebration will be held on 9/11/24 at 4:00 pm.
3. Guardians of the Grove Update – A dedication of the piece was hosted by the Rotary on August 16, 2024 at 3 pm. The artist and Mayor Wenzl spoke.
4. Bard Park Information – PAC commissioned the mural for the Fitness Court. In 2023, Linda started calling Parks and Rec to see about having a porta potty placed in the park for just three months out of the year. The park is the site of structured kids' activities plus lunch during the summer. Additionally, she requested that the six tables that had been removed during Covid be brought back to the park. The city returned three of the tables, which are not enough to support the program of activities and lunch. This summer program supports the full community at no cost and serves predominantly low-income children. This is in line with the stated goals of the city, and certainly of the program. Donna Gustafson said she would include this report in her comments to the Council.

#### G. Commission Communications

1. Commission Members – Emily shared that she has a gallery opening and artist talk. ADX Gallery Friday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.
2. Staff Liaison – Colleen reported that the restrooms in the library are nearly completed. The Adult summer reading program, Read for a Cause, benefited Meals on Wheels. To date, this effort has provided for sixty meals.
3. Council Liaison – No report

#### H. Next Meeting Date/Time/ Location

1. The date for the next meeting will be September 23, 2024 at 5 pm in the Rogers Room of the library.

Meeting Adjourned – 6:13