

PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION	November 21, 2024
MEETING MINUTES	Library Rogers Room, ZOOM

<i>Minutes approved by the B/C January 16, 2025.</i>

1. CALLED TO ORDER:	
	Emily Lux, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
	ROLL CALL: Dana Eytzen, Pat Truax, Emily Lux, Kathleen Leatham, Orson Marcel, Linda Taylor, Brian Harris, Donna Gustafson – Council Liaison
	ABSENT: Kristen Kast
	EXCUSED:, Brenna Cooper
	STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Winters
2. PUBLIC COMMENT:	Mayor Melinda Wenzl reported on a possible collaboration between the Historic Landmarks Board (HLB) and PAC. HLB proposes that a member from PAC attend their meeting to hear their proposal regarding a possible application to the National League of Cities for a grant similar to the one received by Tampa Bay, FL to fund Soul Walk (see description on Google). Forest Grove could focus on the history, art and continuous presence of Indigenous Peoples in our area. The grant focus would be specific to this group. It is a capital project. PAC expressed an interest in collaboration and will add it to the next agenda. Mayor Wenzl began to report on the Senior Center Board's decision to sponsor no programs after 11/15/24 while a new management agency/group could be found to run the center, which does not have the funds to sustain the current effort. In late August, the Council released an RFP requesting interested entities to submit a proposal regarding group history, financial standing and prospectus for the Senior Center, and suggested programs moving forward. Three groups responded and were interviewed on 11/4/24. The screening committee overwhelmingly agreed to accept the proposal submitted by Centro Cultural, which Council disagreed with. Council liaison Gustafson entered the PAC meeting at this time and Mayor Wenzl deferred to the liaison report on the agenda for further information regarding the Senior Center. Tim Farrell of the FG Planning Commission asked to speak regarding possible Public Art placement in the roundabouts, citing the success of Bend and

	McMinnville's acquisition of art for their roundabouts. Dana explained that PAC had entertained this idea when ours were built, but that property is under the jurisdiction of ODOT as the roundabouts are on county property. Mr. Farrell said he would send an article that outlines a process that may allow the city – and PAC – to acquire the right to place art in these areas.
3.	<u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u>
	a) <i>Approve B/C Meeting Minutes of Oct. 17, 2024 Moved by Pat Truax with edits as corrected, 2nd by Kathleen Leatham. Approved unanimously.</i>
4.	<u>ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:</u> E-2 (Advertising and Visibility); F-1 (Plaques), F-2 (Seven Generations), F-3 (Permanent Collection Update). Additions: Under Information Updates – 97116 and Fall Into Art final reports. Discussion/Decision – Festival of the Arts 2025.
5.	<u>Discussion/Decision Items:</u> 1. Lincoln Park Mural • Final artist selection was explained by Dana with a slide presentation of final three jury choices. The jury consisted of Dana, Ann Lane, Amy Tracewell, Geneva Houx, and Colleen. The jury met to review eleven (11) submissions and chose the three (3) finalists. Upon consideration and a vote, Nate Marcel was the unanimous choice. Kathleen moved to accept the decision of the jury. Pat seconded. The vote by the commission was unanimous. Emily Lux and Orson Marcel recused themselves from the vote. • Post note: the contract for this mural is ready to go. • The PAC choice will go to Council for approval to move forward. 2. Festival of the Arts 2025 • Linda reported that Council approved up to five (5) FG Festival of the Arts sub-committee meetings from January 2025 through August 2025. • Adelante Mujeres Market staff have proposed a 10' x 20' canopy on 21st Avenue, in the middle of the street, in front of Green Heron Book Arts, for the Market Stage. Also, a PAC festival booth and an adjacent art stakeholder booth on the southwest corner of 21st and Main, for the four 1st Wednesdays of the Festival. Negotiations are underway with the City on this request and a final decision is expected by Dec. 31st. • Linda requested permission to send a Google survey to all Arts Stakeholders to determine interest in participation in 2025. She also requested permission to schedule monthly Arts Stakeholder meetings from February through June in the Community Auditorium on 3rd Mondays. PAC approved.

	• Orson and Brian volunteered to build a web site specifically for the Festival. Colleen will confirm that this can happen. • Adelante has a sponsorship program to be included in all their advertising, with additional perks. PAC was asked if they would support sponsorship at a cost of \$2500. We will vote on this at the next regular meeting. • Donovan Darling, of Community Advantage Magazine, would like us to submit a second article regarding PAC and the arts in Forest Grove. Linda will write the second article about Festival of the Arts. • Emily will do the graphics for Festival of the Arts 2025. 3. Parks and Recreation re: the Rogers Park Mural • Colleen, Cody, Dana and the artist, Liam, met to discuss materials, shared contract. Funding came from through AFFA with Forest Grove getting 5M. (Dana – this was a very convoluted conversation for me. Most of PAC was not aware of this so tracking who's on first etc was difficult. Could you please fill in.) 4. Report on 97116 and Fall Into Art. • Ten (10) artists were featured in the Pacific venue, which was excellent. Next year organizers will need to concentrate on booth placement so that no one is out of the line of traffic. The signage was poor with very little on the adjacent streets that indicted what was going on. Suggested that we have "generalized) signage that can be placed anywhere without directional issues. Great venue. Good response and vendors sold – some better than others, of course. Being next to 97116 was a benefit. • 97116 had 125 registered artists and 115 showed up. The space was far better than last year which added a good deal to the show. Pacific invited them back for next year. 78 out of 115 pieces sold for a total of just under \$7,000. Pacific asked that the remaining pieces remain up until 12/7. Breakdown of earnings: 80% to artists, \$4,500 donation to non-profit, and 20% to overhead which does NOT include any administrative expenses!
6.	<u>INFORMATION / UPDATE ITEMS:</u>
	1. Plaques- no update 2. Seven Generations- the city should be painting the edge white. We will also still look into stanchions. 3. Permanent Collection- Dana will create a viewable version to post on the website. 4. Finance report- no change 5. Fall into Art- we should improve advertising for next year.

7.	<u>B/C COMMUNICATIONS:</u> Commission: FGHS is presenting a play – Sponge Bob the Musical • Dana reported that The Nutcracker will be on the Dec. 21-22 • Emily reported that the exterior design work in starting on Jose Sandwich Shop • Also, Emily has been given a commission to do a mural at the Amazon in Salem
8.	<u>STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:</u> • Colleen reported on the recruitment process for the 4 applicants for the PAC positions. Donna and Colleen will interview. • Colleen reported that Laurie Kern resigned from the commission.
9.	<u>COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:</u> 1. None
10.	<u>ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:</u> Next meeting will be December 21, 2024, 5:00 pm in the Rogers Room
11.	<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> The meeting was adjourned by the Co-Chair, Emily at 6:31pm. Respectfully Submitted by Kathleen Leatham