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PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Thursday, February 12, 2009
F.G. Public Auditorium, 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kathleen Leathan, Linda Taylor, Jim Flory, Liam Cooper, Philip Thias, Vicki Pich, Mona Ward
City Staff Liaison: Colleen Winters
Guests: Theresa Carter, Keith Cantrell, Stephanie Moore, Jonathan Bowler

Call to Order: No additions were made to the agenda

Minutes Approval

- Minutes of January 8, 2009 approved with no addition or deletions. Philip Thias motioned to approve and Linda Taylor seconded, all approved
- Minutes of December 11, 2008 approved with no additions or deletions. Jim Flory motioned to approve and Mona Ward seconded, all approved

Citizen Communication

- Theresa Carter and Keith Cantrell presented an informational draft for a series of monthly summer "Music in the Park" events.
- Their goal is to recognize the importance of the arts in building community.
- They would showcase music, visual arts and literary arts.
- School arts organizations would be encouraged to participate in providing concessions as a means of fundraising
- Musicians would donate their time and talents.
- Donations would be requested to support the arts in the community
- Rogers Park is suggested as a venue and the 3rd Sunday of the month, June through September are suggested as dates.
- Discussion has already been held with the Parks Department who may waive the park permit and noise permit fees.
- They will submit a request for a mini grant when plans are finalized

Introduction of Guests

- Stephanie Moore and Jonathan Bowler are students from Pacific University.
- They will be observing the commission meetings as an assignment for their class in Grassroots Politics with Professor Jim Moore

Business

CEP Grant Discussion

- Linda Taylor and Vicki Pich are working on the grant
- Colleen reported that the amount to be dispersed this year was reduced by 20,000
- Last year requested 10,000, was granted 3,600 0 1,000 of which was for infrastructure and 2,600 for tourism and promotion.
- Suggestion was made to ask for 8,500 for infrastructure (matching gift from the Chamber) and additional funds for tourism and promotion.
- Feeling was that as a commission we have demonstrated community leadership and are a strong contender for funds
- Vicki will call Paul Downey and ask for any additional information which would help enhance our application

Children's Day Mini Grant Request (Linda Taylor)

- Linda made a presentation on the Children's Day/Book Day(Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros) request by the Friends of the Forest Grove Library.

- The commission agreed it was a worthwhile proposal and agreed to fund it from tourism and promotion funds.
- Philip motioned to approve, Vicki seconded and all approved.

Art Acquisition Process Discussion

- Kathleen and Colleen met to discuss and suggest that the process be broken down into 4 committees
- The commission agreed and assignments are as follows:
- Site Selection: Donna House, Philip Thias, Jim Flory (possibility of map of future placements)
- Timeline: Vicki Pich, Kathleen Leatham (necessary to keep us on track)
- Budget: Ruth Ann McCullough
- Colleen will be available to help where needed.
- Communication & Publicity: Mona Ward, Liam Cooper (important to keep Chamber in the loop and ask for opinion)
- Committee members are asked to bring a monthly progress report to the commission meeting next month. This will be a regular part of future commission meetings.
- It is very important that we demonstrate forward momentum on this project

Finance Report

- Reviewed & noted that the Children's Day Mini Grant was already reflected in the report

Commission Meeting Date & Time

- Discussion held on changing meeting date in order to allow a council member to attend
- Proposal made to move meeting to 3rd Thursday
- Kathleen will check with members not present
- Meeting date change will be postponed for one more month

Summer Music Festival Proposal

- Liam presented a proposal for a one day music festival that would showcase local musicians. This would be a benefit for the American Cancer Society.
- He is working with Relay for Life and Colleges against Cancer as partners to possibly share a venue.
- The commission asked how it could help and suggested that he apply for a min-grant when his plans are solidified.
- He was commended for taking on this project.

Commissioners' Communication

ART-O-MAT

- At the request of Pacific Professor Patricia Cheyne, Jim Flory reported on the "ART-O-MAT" that will be installed in the Pulse in the UC Commons at Pacific University.
- These are refurbished vending machines that dispense small art works
- A possible request for a min-grant will be made for either help with the purchase, student workshops to make art for the machine or maintenance
- Mona Ward will find out more information and report back next month

Postcards

- Philip Thias distributed CD's of possible photos to be used in the production of postcards showcasing FG art events and asked for feedback on which to include.
- Jim Flory will arrange for his student intern to take some more photos of theatre and music events (Theatre in the Grove, Children's Day).

Display Board

- Kathleen reported that she will be able to purchase the display board for under the \$200 allocated. It will be purchased and available for those working on the display booth to get it ready for use at the Farmer's Market and other venues starting in the spring.

Staff Communication

- Colleen reported that she met with Jim and Mona to discuss the art inventory project. City Department Heads have been notified that they are to look for items in their building that may be considered public art. The three of them will arrange for a time to go and view these pieces.

- The Police Department has been renovating and cleaning and found a possible piece. The Robert Weller painting in the Police Department may be moved to the library.
- Colleen reported that the Library hired a new Volunteer Coordinator, Kari Middleton.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009 5:00 P.M.