

Minutes approved by the PAC on July 22, 2010.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:07 PM by Chair, Kathleen Leatham. Present: Kathleen Leatham, Philip Thias, Linda Taylor, Kathy Broom, Vicki Pich, Ruth Anne McCullough (left at 6:30) and Jim Flory. Council Liaison: Tom BeLusko, Jr. (left at 6:50). Staff liaison: Colleen Winters. Not Present: Pat Truax (e), Mona Ward (e), Liam Cooper (e).

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Colleen Cornish introduced herself and indicated her interest and support of the Public Arts Commission's endeavors.

**3. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2010:** Philip Thias moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as discussed and corrected. Vicki Pich seconded. The minutes were unanimously accepted as corrected.

**4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:** Items E and F were tabled until the art acquisition project is completed. Item H was deleted due to the absence of the EDC Tourism Committee representative.

**5. BUSINESS:**

A. Advertising Arts Groups: John Schrag, Forest Grove News Times Editor, distributed the Washington County Arts Guide and presented the proposal to enhance the publication with more advertising and wider distribution on a quarterly basis. Jim Flory moved, seconded by Vicki Pich, to purchase an ad in the Washington County Arts Guide for \$592 using the remaining CEP funds. The vote was 6-0 in favor. Kathleen will contact John at the News Times.

B. Mini-Grant Requests:

1. VAA "Chalk Art Panels": Roylene Read presented the request for \$500 to sponsor 3 professional artists to create live art during the festival depicting Chalk Art on 3 panels that would be available to display as public art. After discussion by the commissioners, Jim Flory moved, seconded by Kathy Broom, to grant the \$500. The vote was 5-0 in favor with Philip Thias abstaining.

2. VAA "Art Workshops": Lang Schwartzwald presented the request for \$500 to provide free art workshops to citizens and tourists of Forest Grove. After discussion, the consensus was to delay the request until further details could be supplied. Kathleen indicated she would contact Lang to explain the Commission's request for further information.

3. Fill Up On Fun: Linda Taylor presented the request for \$500 to provide live bilingual musical performances, as well as quality supplies, at the Summer Park Program. After discussion of the request, Vicki Pich moved, seconded by Jim Flory, to grant the \$500. The vote was 5-0 in favor with Linda Taylor abstaining.

4. "Farmers Market Art": Gina Bell presented the request for \$500 to purchase table cloths and chemicals for the cyanotype photogram project at the Farmers Market. After discussion of the request, Philip Thias moved, seconded by Linda Taylor, to grant the \$500. The vote was 6-0 in favor.

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5. "Promotion of Young Artists": EJ Baeza presented the request for \$500 to promote young artists to showcase their art in public. Discussion included the substitution of "stipend" instead of "scholarship" in the application and a suggestion that the funds be directed to high school students with the college students assigned as mentors to the high school students. After discussion, Kathy Broom moved, seconded by Vicki Pich, to grant the \$500. The vote was 6-0 in favor.
- C. Art Donation Gift: Colleen Winters noted an item has been offered to the Library as a donation and she requested someone to start the accession process as outlined in the Arts Collection Management Policy. Linda Taylor was appointed to begin this process.
- D. Art Acquisition Update: Philip reported that the selection committee recommended five finalists in the bench project. He stated that maintenance of the benches had been discussed by the selection committee during their review. He also reported that the finalists' proposals have been reviewed by City staff in regards to maintenance, durability, and safety with all of them being acceptable. Vicki Pich moved, seconded by Jim Flory that the Arts Commission accept the recommendation of the selection committee and present the following bench proposals to the City Council on June 14, 2010: Eric Canon, Robert Foster, and Stuart Nakamura. Kathleen indicated she would contact the artists to let them know their proposal was being presented to the City Council.
- E. Inventory of Public Art Project Update: TABLED until completion of Art Acquisition.
- F. GOALS for 2010: TABLED until completion of Art Acquisition.
- G. Meet the Artist Dinners Update: Consensus was to have Linda Taylor proceed with scheduling a dinner when a host and artist have been identified. Kathleen suggested Sandra Roarke be included on the list of possible artists to highlight.
- H. Economic Development Tourism Committee Report: DELETED, representative unavailable to report.
- I. Finance Report: Accepted as presented.
- 6. COMMISSIONERS' COMMUNICATIONS:** Kathleen reported she gave an interview to the Forest Grove News Times on the art acquisition project. Philip announced that Bonnie McCabe's retirement from the High School drama department would leave a large void and that the vacancy was not going to be filled due to the school district's budget crisis. He indicated this would create a major challenge to the drama program at the high school. The Commission decided to acknowledge Bonnie for her years of service to the Arts community at the June 28<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**7. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM. Next meeting will be July 8, 2010.

Respectfully submitted:

Bev Maughan