

Minutes approved by the PAC on April 8, 2010.

CALL TO ORDER:

Members Present: Kathleen Leatham, Philip Thias, Pat Truax, Mona Ward, Jim Flory, Kathy Broom, Linda Taylor

City Council Liaison present: Tom Belusko, Jr.

Staff present: Colleen Winters

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 11, 2010 MINUTES:

Pat Truax moved to approve the February minutes as submitted. Jim Flory seconded. Minutes approved.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

Liaison Report: Pat Truax attended the FG Tourism Meeting; nothing relevant to the Arts Commission was discussed

BUSINESS:

Art Acquisition Update & Website Review

The Call to Art is posted on website and information was sent out to NW Arts Organizations by Bev Maughan.

The Call to Art also was posted in the Valley Art Newsletter.

To date there have been no inquiries. The deadline is April 16, 2010.

Discussion was held about if the organizations had received the information.

Commission members will send the Call to Art out to people they know who might be interested.

Kathleen reviewed a letter from Rob Foster about the possible locations for benches. Rob stated that the three locations he had been made aware of were acceptable to the city. This included those locations that would require existing benches to be moved.

Councilor Tom Belusko reported that the Call for Art has been made a matter of public record. The City Council has been made aware of the contents of the Call for Art and that it contains a request for three artistically designed benches.

A process was discussed on how to review any responses to the Call for Art on a timely basis. Colleen will arrange with Bev to notify her (Colleen) if any response is received and arrange for them be housed in the library. Colleen will notify the commission members that a response has been received and they can review then on an ongoing basis in the library. Any commission member who also receives a response to the Call for Art should make sure Colleen receives it and also notify the other commission members.

There will be a special meeting on Thursday, March 25, at 5:30 p.m. at the vault at Grendels to talk about the names for the committee and the process for selection. Jim will reserve the room.

Discussion was held on whether or not information of the Call for Art and the process could be released to the newspapers. Kathleen will talk to Bev about using one of the city's spaces in the News Times and will also talk to the News Times about getting an article published. The Hillsboro Argus, Oregonian and Willamette Week were also mentioned as possibilities for publicity. Colleen Winters commented that Grovenet recently had a string about public and will contact someone she knows who posts on the site to get information on the Call for Art on there. The intention is to make sure that as much as possible the public know that this process is going on. Councilor Belusko talked about a meeting that he had attended with the Mayor and

City Manager about the use of social networking sites to promote the city that could be used for these purposes.

Councilor Belusko also mentioned that at the Annual Town Hall Meeting a comment was made that "Forest Grove needs to be known for something". Discussion was held that FG could become a destination arts center for the Metro/PDX area as a way to increase tourism. Commission members agreed that this should be continued as a future discussion item.

Discussion was held on who would be part of the selection process and commission members were asked to come to the March 25th meeting with suggestions of participants.

Inventory of Public Art Project

Colleen talked about the inventory of public art project. She reviewed the Pacific University site. Colleen and Mona will meet with Marita Kunkel, Pacific University Librarian, to talk about the process PU has been going through cataloging their permanent collection and to discuss the possibility of some collaboration.

Discussion was held on the potential for including art not owned by the city in this process. Kathleen talked about a Forestry Commission brochure she had seen and suggested that the Arts Commission look into the possibility of something similar showcasing F.G. public art.

Goals for 2010

Our goals for 2010 are completing the public art/benches project. Philip discussed the effort of Valley Art about the 20th Anniversary of the Chalk Art Festival and their desire to bring in some professional artists for the event. Philip expressed a concern that we not become a "one goal focused" group, and we all agreed that this would be discussed at the April meeting. Kathy Broom suggested to those involved with Valley Art that they look into the possibility of selling the posters of the Chalk Art Festival as a fund raiser.

Finance Report

The March Financial Report was not included not in packet. It will be reviewed at the April meeting

Linda Taylor expressed concerns that the mini-grant accounting from the Center for Gender Equity about the Mensch Festival was not accurate. The original request and the explanation did not agree and the proper documentation was not submitted. Linda is going to develop a check list for mini-grant requests that will be our guide when reviewing the final report from an organization who is applying for reimbursement. Colleen and Kathleen will contact the Director of the Center to correct the documentation. It was expressed that it is important that we have accurate documentation that we can use when we apply for grants.

Discussion was held on the possibility of finding grants such as those from the Cultural trust stimulus money and the West Side Cultural Alliance

COMMISSIONERS' COMMUNICATION:

Linda Taylor reported on "Fun at 4:00" a library arts & crafts program held every Monday until May using remaining supplies from a prior PAC mini-grant.

Philip Thias reported that the Forest Grove HS advanced arts students show at Valley Art will have its opening Saturday, March 13, from 2:00 to 4:00. Art Commission members were encouraged to attend. Discussion was held on the value of arts education in the schools.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next meeting Thursday, April 8, 2010 5:00 p.m.