

Arts & Cultural Commission

Minutes from Tuesday July 28, 2015

City Council Chambers

Members Present

Kannikar Petersen
Diane Dillard, Vice Chair
Rosemary Imhof
Joan Youngberg
Kevin Chavez, Chair
Luanne Kreutzer

Members Absent

None

Guests

Mary Rose

Councilors in Attendance

Susan Conn

Staff Present

Jennifer Johnson, Secretary
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director



CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice Chair Dillard called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

VISITORS

Mary Rose thanked the Commission for the opportunity to submit her proposal for the Gateway Project Phase II.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 30, 2015

Motion: Vice Chair Dillard moved to approve the minutes for June 30, 2015. Commissioner Petersen seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carries.

FISCAL REPORT

The Commission reviewed the fiscal report. There was a question about the sponsorship from Dillard's Moorage. Johnson will look into it.

GRANT AND FUNDRAISING

Commissioner Petersen said with the mural project not yet confirmed there is no project information to submit a grant request.

The Commission would like to enlist the help of Jennifer Dimsho in applying for the grant for the Gateway Project Phase II.

TRASH CAN PAINTING COMPETITION

The competition was a success with seventeen cans painted. Most of the participants were walk-ins. The Commission received a feedback letter. Suggestions included prizes for runner ups, and acknowledgement for all participants. Another suggestion was to have a youth category.

Jeffries suggested going around to the parks and switching out unpainted cans with painted cans to get a better idea on how many unpainted cans are remaining. Cans that are old and worn will be recycled. Logos of sponsored cans have been added by Petersen. Anti-graffiti paint will be applied to all the cans.

Dillard, Imhof and Kreutzer will send thank you notes to everyone who participated.

FAIR AWARDS

Imhof and Kreutzer judged the art at the fair for the Arts and Cultural special awards. Kreutzer shared photos of the winner's art. Kreutzer added colorful painted paper and the Arts and Cultural Commission name to ribbons she picked up for minimal cost. Winners received \$15 prize money each. Next year the Commission will be recognized in the fair book for the special awards given.

Motion: Commissioner Kreutzer moved to participate in the Columbia County Fair by providing four prizes for art categories every year. Commissioner Imhof seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carries.

MURAL PROJECT

Commissioner Petersen said the mural project was denied by the Postmaster. A request of extension for the grant is needed there is a one year deadline.

Motion: Vice Chair Dillard moved to ask for an extension on the grant and personally meet with the Portland Postmaster. Commissioner Kreutzer seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carries.

SPIRIT OF HALLOWEENTOWN

Dillard suggested Tina Curry share her plans and how the Commission would fit in. The Commission discussed a carved pumpkin contest.

ARTS AND EATS

Petersen said she was approached by Councilor Keith Locke. He would like to bring back Arts and Eats in 2016. Petersen would like to be supportive with the art piece of the event. Dillard suggested partnering with the Chamber of Commerce and SHEDCO. Jeffries suggested building off an existing event instead. The Commission briefly discussed adding an event to the end of the Kiwanians Parade.

GATEWAY PROJECT PHASE II REVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS

The Commission received a total of seven submissions with five meeting the guidelines. The Commission reviewed the evaluation criteria. They reviewed each submission on the overhead projector.

The submissions were graded on a point system.

- Mary Paige Rose – 332 pts.
- Wilson & Arsen Studio – 424 pts.
- Rastovich – 447 pts.
- Marion-Heidel Studios – 512 pts.
- Rhiza A & D - 560 pts.

Rhiza A & D was chosen. They will be invited to attend the public hearing. There was a discussion about inviting Marion-Heidel Studios as well.

Chavez and Youngberg were in favor of inviting Marion-Heidel Studios; Petersen, Dillard, Kreutzer, and Imhof were opposed to inviting them.

Rhiza A & D will be the only submission invited to the public hearing that will be scheduled on September 22, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

APPLICATION FOR VACANCY

A subcommittee will interview the one applicant. Youngberg and Kreutzer's terms expire in September and will not be renewing their terms.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 6 p.m.



Submitted by:

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Utility Billing Specialist

Present=P Absent=A

Date	Kreutzer	Petersen	Dillard	Youngberg	Imhof	Chavez	Vac
June 30, 2015	A	P	P	P	P	P	-
July 28, 2015	P	P	P	P	P	P	-