

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE PAC ON FEBRUARY 11, 2016

Present: Emily Lux, Pat Truax, Dana Zurcher, Kathleen Leatham, Dana Lommen, Laura Frye, Staff Liaisons Colleen Winters, Tom Gamble

Guest(s): Travis Loose-Forest Grove News Times

Absent: Linda Taylor, Richard Kidd, Helvi Smith, Kathy Broom

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** By Kathleen Leatham at 5:05pm.
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** N/A
3. **APPROVAL OF PAC MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve last month's minutes as written made by Pat, seconded by Dana Z. Motion approved.
4. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**
Additions: Discussion of Portland Opera Resident Artists in Concert added as Item 6D.
Retreat discussion added as Item 6E.
5. **DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS:**
 - A. Election of Chair and Secretary: Dana L. nominated Emily Lux as Secretary, and Pat nominated Dana Z. as Chair. Motion made to accept nominations by Laura, seconded by Dana L. Motion accepted. Thank you, Kathleen, for your excellent leadership and many years of service as commission chair. Congratulations Dana!
 - B. Art in the Park: Selection of Art-Extensive discussion of four finalist submissions. Pros and cons were weighed in detail for all four sculptures. "Tres Novum" by Ben Dye was voted on unanimously. The City Council meeting will be held on February 8th. The sculpture will be presented by PAC representatives, describing the process and recommendation. Location discussion: Lincoln Park vs. Rogers Park. Pros-Lincoln Park has expansive space; artwork can be visible from a busier street. Cons-Rogers Park has very tall trees and will soon house Anna and Abigail's Yard. The sculpture's visibility and impact may be lost. Laura-moved to install sculpture at Lincoln Park, seconded by Kathleen. Motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Name-A-Brick Campaign-Order forms are out physically and online. An announcement went into the utility bill. A City ad is being explored. Forms will be available at the library and Chamber of Commerce. Bricks can be ordered up until the time of installation. The News-Times will feature an article about the sculpture, which will be published after City Council is aware of the final sculpture nomination recommendation.
6. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**
 - A. Boards & Commissions Appreciation dinner: January 21, 2016. Dana Z. will give a 3-5 presentation on the top 3-5 items the Public Arts Commission has accomplished this year.

- B. Art Walk: A subcommittee walked the initial route and found it to be too long- approximately one hour of walking without including the speaking portion. Scaling back the Pacific University portion, and stopping outside only at TITG as opposed to an inside tour will help cut down on time. The tour could be held three months in a row, one Saturday per month during the summer. Discussion of perhaps having the tour available on an “as requested” basis, attracting groups at specific tourist times. PAC members involved in the tour are responsible for creating the script for their own portion.
- C. Finance Report: No new items of note.
- D. Portland Opera Resident Artists in Concert: Pat met with an opera representative earlier in the week. This will remain a free concert, but is ticketed. The PAC was given 200 tickets to distribute. Taylor-Meade seats 400 people. The concert will likely be a compilation of operas to be performed this year, and will be held on Thursday, February 25, at 7 pm. Public Arts Commissioners should consider ushering.
- E. PAC Retreat: February 20 was agreed upon as the best date, and Laura volunteered to host at her house-3247 Forest Gale Drive. The retreat will be from 9-12, and will be a potluck.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS:

Dana L.-It’s been a wonderful year for TITG, with excellent earnings and financial support. The new roof is excellent. TITG very much appreciates the support from PAC. Now that the roof is complete, other endeavors can commence, such as backstage projects.

8. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Colleen: It’s BEAR month at the library. Ann Dondero is retiring as the Youth Services director and will be honored for her years of service at multiple events. On Saturday, there will be a Star Wars event from 2-3:30, and a large crowd is anticipated.

Tom: Steve Huffman is retiring April 1st. Steve has performed multiple duties for the City and will be greatly missed.

9. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

10. ADJOURNMENT: Dana Zurcher adjourned the meeting at 6:37 pm. The next meeting will be February 11, 2016, in the Rogers Room of the Forest Grove Library.

Respectfully Submitted by Emily Lux