

Beaverton Arts Commission Board
September 9, 2020
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Commission Members: Lynn Anderson, Mary Ellen Baker, Alison Balbag, Rebecca Benoit, James Blaich, Amanda Clark, Jayne Dahl, Sharon Dunham, Shelley Fagin, R. Ryan Hendricks, Shoshanna Lansberg, Sue Pike, Gina Wilson.

Excused: Julie Nielsen, Allison Wimberly-Tivnon.

Staff Liaisons: Chris Ayzoukian, Executive Director of the PRCA; Beth Tobey, Arts Program Manager

Councilor Liaison: Marc San Soucie

Guests: Peg Silloway, Raziah Roushan

6:35 pm Call to Order – Shelley Fagin

Council Updates –

Councilor San Soucie shared that City Council is continuing to work virtually. They are working on hiring an interim city manager as well as a second associate judge. They are also in ongoing discussions about whether and/or how to revise policing activities in Beaverton.

Police just moved into their new building!

Public Comment –

Raziah shared the role of Tualatin Valley Creates and some of their upcoming events. They received funding for 4 pieces of public art and they have commissioned 4 music benches which will be installed in Beaverton (1st and Main), Tigard, Forest Grove and Cedar Mills.

They are working on a comprehensive art map for Washington County.

Their website: <https://tvcreates.org> (includes a directory and the next workshop series!)

BOARD BUSINESS ITEMS:

Approvals:

Minutes: Jim motioned to approve the July minutes. Ryan seconded.

All in favor.

City Arts Grant Program - Report:

Beth gave an overview of the arts grant programs with the City.

A new grant was created "COVID Relief Grant" with funding of \$52,000. This was offered twice (April and July) with funding coming from arts events that were not live this year (Ten Tiny Dances and Beaverton Arts Mix!). She highlighted six recipients who had never been funded by the City before.

Grants for *Arts Opportunities for Artists and Individuals* is still open.

Staff Liaison and PRCA Updates:

Chris, Executive Director of the PRCA, shared that they are currently framing a management agreement with the City. Construction is about 25% complete. The steel signed beam will be installed this week. They are looking to open in late 2021. They are currently recruiting for the executive assistant position. They were \$650,000 from the fundraising goal but recently found that the 1.5 million state-funded grant from lottery dollars has been rescinded. Lastly, they are working with a branding firm for the PRCA.

Beth shared that the 4 public arts projects continue to move forward for the PRCA. She shared general City Updates (which are available online).

Welcoming Week is: Sept 12 - 20 with the theme: "Creating Home Together". This will be online *and* in-person.

Artwork at Hall and Watson was vandalized a few weeks ago. The artwork cannot be repaired and will be removed.

7:50 p.m. Adjourn

Submitted by Mary Ellen