

Beaverton Arts Commission Board
Weds. March 10, 2021
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Virtual

Minutes

Commission Members: Lynn Anderson, Dr. Alison Balbag, Rebecca Benoit, James Blaich, Destry Bunnell, April Rose Castillo, Jayne Dahl, Sharon Dunham, Shelley Fagin, R. Ryan Hendricks, Shoshanna Lansberg, Sue Pike, Margaret Silloway, Sydney Trimble, Gina Wilson

Absent: Rebecca Benoit, Gina Wilson (Excused)

Staff Liaison: Beth Tobey

Guests: Melissa Riley, Beaverton Civic Theatre; Chris Ayzoukian, Executive Director for The Patricia Reser Center for the Arts; Shannon Mason, City Events Program Manager

Councilor Liaison: Laura Mitchell

6:30 pm Call to Order – Dr. Allison Balbag

Council Updates

Councilor Mitchell reported that City Council is working on improving wireless communication, but ultimately the FCC makes the rules. City Council is also currently working on the budget with the support of the Kurt Wilson, Interim City Manager. The City Council has also finalized the recruitment and public engagement plan for the City Manager and there is a survey the public can take to provide input regarding what they would like to see in the next City Manager.

Grantee Spotlight

Melissa Riley, from Beaverton Civic Theatre talked about what they used a project grant and COVID relief grant from the City for in light of the pandemic. The project grant was used for the Snowfest program, which had 1500 virtual attendees this year. Volunteers assembled 1500 kits that were distributed at school lunch sites and the Beaverton City Library. There were 19 virtual events throughout the weekend. Another Beaverton Civic Theatre project for Welcoming Week was a multicultural Cinderella project. The projects have provided very interactive and specialized way

to make virtual events effective.

Patricia Reser Center for the Arts - Updates

Guest Chris Ayzoukian, Executive Director - The Reser is in the middle of the 100 days 100K campaign will run until May 11. The Reser will also be launching a Beaverton City employee campaign, and the Multnomah Arts gallery will be doing a fundraiser. Seat sales are going well. Still waiting to hear back about the \$1.5 Oregon Lottery grant. The Reser has received positive media coverage from local news networks. Goal for opening is for March 2022. The Production Manager position has closed and there are many qualified candidates from across the country. Working on a management agreement with the City of Beaverton and the Arts Foundation.

Public Comment -

Public comment was given by Jeep Simonet from Five Star Guitars and Kevin Gowers, an artist that has recently moved to the area. Both introduced themselves and said they were there to connect with others in the arts community.

BOARD BUSINESS ITEMS:

Approvals:

Minutes: Jayne motioned to approve the February 2021 minutes. Shelley seconded. All in favor.

City Events:

Shannon Mason, City Events Program Manager - Have established some COVID guidelines: limiting the number of event participants through controlled entry and exits, timed entry, masks, social distancing. Event planning has been adjusted to include smaller in-person events, augmented with virtual components and all outdoors. Highlights: March 20 Kurdish New Year Celebration, partnering with THPRD for Independence Day Activities, Beaverton Night Market, and Tree Lighting ceremony.

Beaverton Arts Commission Award:

Dr. Alison Balbag made a proposal to revive the Beaverton Arts Commission Awards for youth. For this year, the proposal was to distribute a letter to high school principals to nominate two high school seniors from each school to receive the award. After discussion, proposal was tabled pending the development of a sub-committee.

Review Arts Commission Bylaws:

Discussion regarding current draft of Bylaws. Staff liaison Beth Tobey will share comments made with the City Attorney and the bylaws will come back to the BAC in April for review and approval and adoption by City Council in May or June.

Retreat Planning:

Commissioner Blauch moved that the retreat be held at the next regular BAC Meeting on Wednesday April 14 – with the meeting starting early at 6:00pm, to conduct regular business and then move into the time for the retreat. Commissioner Dahl seconded. All in favor.

Staff Liaison Updates:

Staff liaison Beth Tobey reports there is a workshop tomorrow called “How the Arts Can Help Us Heal and Overcome Difficult Times.” The workshop is part of the Creative Impact Workshop Series in partnership with Tualatin Valley Creates, the City of Beaverton Arts Program, and the Hillsboro Cultural Arts Division. Mayor Beaty gave a virtual state of the city address. There will be a special election for the open seat on the City Council.

Agenda items for next BAC meeting:

Downtown Association sidewalk mural proposal, Vote on Bylaws.

8:52 p.m. Adjourn

Submitted by April Rose Castillo