

Beaverton Arts Commission Board
Wednesday,
Virtual
6:00pm - 8:00

Minutes

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

Absent: Jayne Dahl (excused)

Staff Liaison: Beth Tobey

Guests: Clara Johnson, Beaverton High School Student; Kathleen Hawthorn, Beaverton High School Art Teacher; Chris Ayzoukian, Executive Director for the Patricia Reser Center for the Arts

Councilor Liaison: Council President Laura Mitchell, absent

6:35 pm Call to Order – Dr. Dr. Alison Balbag, Chair

Artist Spotlight: Beaverton High School Student Clara Johnson (with teacher Kathleen Hawthorn) - Presentation by Clara Johnson, 17, who won the 2021 Congressional Art Competition for Oregon's First Congressional District for her piece titled "Xenophobia." The winning piece will be on display for the next year in Washington, D.C.

Patricia Reser Center for the Arts - Chris Ayzoukian, Executive Director

- BAC members have been invited to tour The Reser.
- Capital campaign has been a huge success.
- The \$100,000 in 100 days ended in May with \$650,000 raised.
- The state lottery funds were rescinded last year, but may still be awarded (will find out late June).
- The City of Beaverton and the Patricia Reser Center for the Arts (formerly the Beaverton Arts Foundation) signed an agreement regarding funding, activities, maintenance, reporting to City Council, and transparency.
- The goal is to open The Reser in Spring 2022 with a community opening day celebration that will include local performing artists. There will also be an Opening Gala fundraiser, followed by a performing arts presenting series, which is being put on the calendar.

- Staff announcements: Lani Faith from the capital campaign team will stay on as head of development (fundraising and philanthropy).
- Open positions: Director of Marketing and Director of Finance
- Finalizing branding of facility and website. TheReser.org will launch next month.
- The building is owned by the city, but with a separate brand. The brand is meant to convey a place to bring people together and eliminate the barriers between artists and audiences.

Public Comment: none

BOARD BUSINESS ITEMS:

Approvals:

Minutes: Commissioner Dunham motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the May 12, 2021 BAC Meeting as amended. Commissioner Silloway seconded. All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.

Commissioner Benoit motioned to approve the May 12, 2021 BAC Retreat minutes as written. Commissioner Landsberg seconded. All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.

Subcommittee break out discussions and report backs

In response to the subcommittee survey results, subcommittees will briefly break out into small groups to discuss the following:

- Determine a subcommittee lead
- Brainstorm a few initial goals
- Discuss how/when the subcommittee will schedule its next meeting
- Provide a brief report back to the full board

Subcommittees

Grants and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Lynn Anderson, April Rose Castillo, Sydney Trimble, Destry Bunnell, Jayne Dahl

Lead - Lynn Anderson

Initial Goals

- Create a list of resources for diversity issues
- Equal opportunity in artist selection
- Grant outreach - How do we make it accessible, including with linguistic diversity)

- Understand attributions of funds by meeting with Beth Tobey to discuss expectations and parameters, identify resources to address issues of DEI, approval process, artist selection with equal opportunity to apply
- Understand artist selection process, better promote to wider audience, and support artists for whom English is not their first language, and promote diverse representation

Public Art - Dr. Dr. Alison Balbag, Margaret Silloway, Gina Wilson, Rebecca Benoit, Shoshanna Lansberg, Shelley Fagin, Sue Pike

Lead - Shelley Fagin

Initial Goals:

- Mapping art in the city for self guided art tour;
- Art dedication with artists of public art;
- Bullet list of upcoming public art pieces

Youth Awards - James Blaich, Sharon Dunham, R. Ryan Hendricks

Lead - R. Ryan Hendricks

Initial Goals:

- James Blaich will gather history on the previous program with selection criteria
- Develop outreach list
- Develop a timeline for selection process and program

Staff Liaison Updates:

Beth Tobey, Arts Program Manager reported that butterflies art project are on sight, fabricator will be installing; This is part of the 1% for art program and will be located at Hall and Crescent with draft recommendations being put together by Muse Atelier

In June 2021, the Beaverton City Council appointed Jen Haruyama as City Manager. Previously, she was city manager of Tracy, CA. Haruyama is expected to begin as Beaverton City Manager in August 2021.

Beaverton Library's summer reading programs: beavertonlibrary.gov/events
 City hosting virtual and limited in-person events: beavertonoregon.gov/events

Beth Tobey is leaving the position of Beaverton Arts Program Manager, due to moving out of state. Cece Ridder will be working on onboarding of new Arts Program Manager. Dr. Dr. Balbag is on the interview panel.

Community Announcements:

- Commissioner Wilson shared about a Coos Bay memorial for Peace and Justice for lynching. On Juneteenth (June 19), they are unveiling the plaque. This is a project of the Coos Bay history museum. (There is a story about this project in today's, 6/9/2021, *Oregonian*.)
- Sue Pike, Jayne Dahl, and Shelley Fagin have chosen chalk artists for the Chalk Art Festival for Saturday night market; Aug 13 and 14

Agenda items for next BAC meeting:

Bylaws

Next Arts Commission meeting – July 14, 2021 at 6:30pm

8:05 p.m. Adjourn

Submitted by April Rose Castillo