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Public Arts Advisory Board Regular Meeting
5:00 PM; Wednesday, September 28, 2022
Taylor City Hall Auditorium

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bryan Richie, Janetta McCoy, Cayla Cardiff, Chairman Richard Stone, and Nathan Gray (via telephone)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Casey Anderson and Carlos Menchaca

STAFF PRESENT: Jan Harris, Main Street Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARE A QUORUM: The meeting was called to order at 5.19 pm by Chairman Stone who declared that a quorum was present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

III. REVIEW / DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

A. Approve the Minutes from the Public Arts Advisory Board meeting from August 24, 2022:
MOTION – To approve the August 24, 2022 minutes as presented. J McCOY / C CARDIFF / UNANIMOUS

B. Receive and approve the financial report for August 2022: Jan reported that this FY, the board has spent $76.45 on the Portal Project; $1244.32 on the Public Arts Master Plan; and $15,414.42 on Music on Main Concerts. Sponsorship funds in the Miscellaneous Donations line item of the General Fund total $21,855. After the funds more than the $10,000 budget provided by the City of Taylor are replaced, the PAAB has a remainder of $15,119.81
MOTION – To approve the financial report at presented. C CARDIFF / J McCOY / UNANIMOUS

IV. NEW BUSINESS: No new business

V. CONTINUING BUSINESS:

A. Public Art Master Plan – P.A. Listening Sessions

1. **Receive preliminary results from the Public Arts Survey –** Chairman Stone will provide a report in October.
2. **Receive the report from the September 27, 2022 Listening Session –** Richard reported there was a good flow if ideas. He will prepare a report after the 2nd Listening Session on October 15th. He believes that the data will enable the PAAB to receive additional funds from the City Council. He proposes that the $10,000 allotted currently be used as a discretionary budget to be spent as the board directs and that the Listening Session would open the door for additional funds to be spent on other projects.
DISCUSSION - Cayla asked about the possibility of having downtown shade with benches created by art covered bus stop kiosks constructed along Main Street.
The report presented by Richard noted that the committee had decided to first undertake a survey and to delay the Listening Sessions until 2023. After discussion, this recommendation was reversed, and the Listening Sessions will move forward as planned.
3. **Next Listening Session date is October 15th from 4-6 at the Dickey-Givens Center –** Richard encouraged all board members to attend this session.

B. Portal Project:

1. **Receive report detailing progress made with the painting of the portals:** Cayla reported that her committee has not met.
Board action - No action taken.

C. Music on Main Concert Series update:

1. **Receive report on August 15th Concert and any updates on planning for the upcoming concerts -** Janetta reported that there were about 300 attendees at this

concert. She reported that Hola Aloha would not be selling their street tacos at the October festival and wondered if someone would sell sausages and kolaches.
ACTION ITEM - Janetta will ask the members of the Taylor Czech Chorus about that.
Richard reported that around $30,000 would need to be raised to fund the 2023 season of Music on Main.
Janetta said she had an idea how to raise small amounts. She would like to have a credit card reader available for collecting donations.
ACTION ITEM - Jan will enquire about credit card readers but also suggested that Janetta could use the same forms she does when taking down payments for City events by credit card and having Utility Billing run the card at the next business day.
Richard reported that he has submitted the advert copy for the magazine but not the newspaper.
DISCUSSION - Location for sponsors vs vendors was discussed. The sponsors will be inside the wall on the grass, while the vendors can go on the concrete behind the playground.
ACTION ITEM - Jan will remind PW/P&R about servicing the restrooms before the concerts.
ROTARY PIE IN THE FACE FOR POLIO – Richard reported that Tia as Rotary President will hold a Pie in the Face event at the October 20th concert. Initially, she wanted it before the concerts begin at 6.30 pm. Richard will suggest that she hold the contest in the intermission between the Chorus and the Band.
ACTION ITEM - Jan will seek input and permission for this event from Parks & Recreation Director, Tyler Bybee noting that a tarp would be required and that all debris would be removed after the event. She will also seek a response from Lance Stacey who is providing sound for the event.
BOARD ACTION – No formal action taken.

D. Potter's Alley Mural Project:

1. **Receive progress report for the repainting of the murals:** Richard reported that City Crews would begin repainting the alley on Thursday, September 29th at 9 am. He has arranged for press coverage.
Jan reported that the City has an updated mural easement and artist agreement in place for use with this project.
2. **Receive report from the MSAB regarding proposed lighting project for Potters Alley murals –** Jan reported that Mr. Laborde had sent direction to seek input and a recommendation from the Main Street Advisory Board as the alley is in the MSAB district. The board responded with general support of the artwork but noted that it needed answers to several questions posed by the City Manager before it would make a recommendation on the lighting project.
Richard reported that Councilman Garcia approached him at the Chamber Expo saying that the alley should be lighted and to get information to the City Manager.
ACTION ITEM – Jan reported that Mr. LaBorde would like for future communication to follow the proper channels of the Staff Liaison (J Harris) and then the Asst. CM and Dir. of Community Development (T Yantis) rather than going straight to him.
DISCUSSION - Jan advised the board to allocate part of their annual budget to the lighting project. This was rebuffed as the PAAB felt their "skin in the game" was the artwork itself. Richard asked the board if they wanted to devote their scarce resources to the lighting project and the answer was no and to ask for PAAB underwriting was considered to be unreasonable. It was agreed that lighting the artwork in the alley was not the mission of the PAAB and that the City should show support of the PAAB by putting in lights.
ACTION ITEM - Richard agreed to write a report and present it to the board.
BOARD ACTION – No formal action taken.

E. Birdsong Art Exhibit Update:

1. **Receive update:** Richard reported no additional information on this event from Judy Blundell.
BOARD ACTION: No formal action taken.

G. City of Taylor Water Tower Mural Project:

1. **Receive update:** Jan reported that the artwork was still being developed with input from the mural backers and the Kerley family.

DISCUSSION - The Board objected to this project being out its hands and that their opinion and recommendations have not been sought.
BOARD ACTION – No formal action taken.

H. Central Texas Philharmonic Halloween Concert

1. **Receive update –** Richard reported that the date will be September 27th.
DISCUSSION: Jan asked if Richard had any information on the sound system needs of the Philharmonic. He agreed to contact their director for guidance. He reported that lights would not be needed for the event.
BOARD ACTION – No formal action taken.

I. Items for the September agenda:

a. Discuss the allocation of the FY 22-23 budget
b. Discuss what is next in Potters Alley
c. Casey will present on developing an SOP for Calls for Artists for the PAAB
d. Discuss the method of the selection of board members and the communication process surrounding this

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Harris
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