



City of Tualatin

TUALATIN ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 18, 2014

PRESENT: Art Barry, Buck Braden, Frank Bubenik, Kristen Erickson, Mason Hall, Gary Thompson, Dawn Upton

ABSENT: Brett Hamilton

STAFF: Kelsey Lewis, Paul Hennon, Kaaren Hofmann

PUBLIC: Jeannine Miller

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Buck Braden called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Dawn Upton and SECONDED by Mason Hall to approve the minutes of October 21, 2014.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Chair

Buck Braden proposed to amend the agenda so that the Committee could hear Jeannine Miller's presentation first. The meeting returned to Communications after Item E.1.

2. Council Liaison

Councilor Bubenik noted that all the incumbents were re-elected to the City Council.

3. Staff

Kelsey Lewis asked for confirmation that the Committee will meet in December; the Committee decided to meet. She stated that staff requested for a second design proposal for the Lazy River sculpture pathway and lighting and received a reasonable cost estimate of around \$2,000. Progress continues on the project.

4. Public

None.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Community Enhancement Award

The Committee agreed to table the discussion for future consideration.

2. Tualatin River Greenway Trail Project

Paul Hennon provided an update on the project, explaining that the project is currently in preliminary design of the path alignment and reviewed the scope, schedule and budget. He stated that the artistic elements of the project, such as gateways and interpretives will be addressed later, at which time TAAC would have a role in considering those elements. TAAC members further discussed art on the trail project and expressed interest in ongoing updates.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Student Diversity Art Project

Jeannine Miller explained that Tualatin High School has many students from other countries and she is preparing a grant proposal to the Foundation for Tualatin Schools for an art project to honor student diversity. Her vision is to have 30 students participate by creating an emblem to represent their countries. The medium would be fused glass attached to plexiglass with a world map in the background. She anticipated two displays and stated she would like one to be in a public space. TAAC members discussed installing one at the Tualatin Public Library. The project would take place in the next school semester, hopefully in January 2015. TAAC members were enthusiastic about participating in the project and Paul Hennon suggested the Committee use the Student Visual Chronicle budget to lend support to the grant proposal. **MOVED** by Kristen Erickson and **SECONDED** by Dawn Upton to participate in the student diversity art project in place of the Student Visual Chronicle this year.

Jeannine Miller confirmed that she would forward the grant proposal with further information and keep TAAC updated on the application status.

2. Annual Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Presentation

Engineering Manager Kaaren Hofmann gave a presentation of the CIP for 2016-2020. She gave more information about several transportation projects. There were no further questions.

3. Visual Chronicle Proposal Discussion and Selection

Kelsey Lewis handed out the criteria for artwork as established in the Public Arts Program Policy and copies of the Call for Artists as reference. TAAC members reviewed each proposal, discussing subject matter, relation to Tualatin's history, cost, and quality. Committee members and staff further discussed how the proposed works would complement the existing Visual Chronicle collection and if they are recognizable as Tualatin.

The Committee agreed by consensus to move forward with one direct purchase and one commission proposal. Kelsey Lewis confirmed that she would contact Anna Lancaster to bring her artwork to the December meeting for consideration. She also confirmed that she would follow up with Philip Juttelstad regarding a commission and ideas for subject matter of the commissioned work.

4. Living Room Gallery Program Staffing Update and Discussion

Kelsey Lewis explained that for the last 2½ years the Living Room Gallery program has been coordinated by a volunteer, Angela Wrahtz, with light City staff support. As of November 2014 she has resigned from the position. The work includes recruiting and jurying the artists, writing press articles for the Tualatin Life and scheduling and coordinating installation and take down of the artwork. Kelsey Lewis noted that it is a lot of work and the program would not be possible without volunteer help. She asked

Committee members for input on how to move forward, which could include a range of options from cancelling the program to creating a budgeted line item for staff. She noted that Angela Wrahtz indicated that she would be willing to continue for a modest fee.

TAAC members discussed the program, concluding that it is an important element in encouraging greater opportunities for recognition of arts in the community, and they want it to continue. Paul Hennon suggested that TAAC could pay Angela Wrahtz a small amount to continue coordination for the rest of the fiscal year, which would allow time for staff to recruit another volunteer for the task. The Committee agreed and Kelsey Lewis confirmed that she would contact Angela Wrahtz.

5. Artwork on State Highway Rights of Way

TAAC members agreed to postpone this item until the next meeting.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Recognition of Living Room Gallery Coordinator Angela Wrahtz

2. Public Art Inventory on Website

The Committee agreed to consider both items at a future meeting. Councilor Bubenik suggested future consideration of Angela Wrahtz for a Community Enhancement Award.

Kristin Erickson asked what happened to the Highway 99 gateway art idea. Paul Hennon explained that it was included in the annual report but the Council did not pick it up as a priority item. He explained that it is not a budgeted project and requires Council support and more than \$50,000 to complete a gateway project. TAAC members further discussed the idea and Paul Hennon stated that there is some internal coordination needed first. He confirmed that the idea is still on the future work plan.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

H. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Dawn Upton and SECONDED by Kristin Erickson to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm.



Kelsey Lewis, Recorder