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Beaverton Arts Commission Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 17, 2008
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order by board president, Andrew Loomis at 6:40 p.m.

Present: Linda Aleskus, Melia Donovan, Dennis Doyle, Michael Heart, Joyce Kurtz, Andrew Loomis, Eva Nunez, Laura Rawlins, Joel Schultz, Don Scorby, Diana Sullivan, Stephen Thompson, Ano Youssefian

Members Excused: Kevin Hoover

Laura agrees to fill in and take minutes in absence of secretary

Congratulations to Kevin Hoover on receiving the Service to Beaverton Award. Kevin will be honored as the Grand Marshall in the Beaverton Celebration Parade in September.

Guest: Mary Priester and Joan Chapin, WES Public Art

Mary Priester, public art manager for TriMet, discussed the commuter rail public art project. The sculpture of 16 heads representing different emotions will be an interactive display secured to a table using high tech materials and design. The project was featured on OPB's "Everybody's Art" on May 22nd and can be found at OPB.com/Artbeat. TriMet will conduct an art-focused grand opening event in September. Jayne suggested September 13th to coincide with Beaverton's Old Town Festival. The complete line opens mid-October. Go to Trimet.com/commuterrail for more information.

Guest: Eric Lindstrom, Arts Partners

Eric discussed new developments involving ArtsPartners program, now governed by RACC. Recently received first grant of \$25K from PGE and \$5K from Hillsboro. Major focus of the organization will be professional development. A Request for Qualifications has been posted for an Implementation Partner. Responsibilities include daily execution of their arts education initiative. RFQ can be found at RACC.org.

Board Business Items

Approval of May 2008 Minutes

Motion to approve: Michael

Second: Don

Approval of May 2008 Treasurer's report – after discussion of drop in membership YTD from 2007 and decrease in private grants.

Motion to approve: Michael

Second: Diana

Approval of Art for City Hall's permanent exhibit – 92 works submitted, 11 works selected by Art Selection Committee, nice mix of mediums

Motion to approve: Linda

Second: Stephen

Board approved committee's selections with great enthusiasm.

BAC Summer Events Update (Jayne)

- **Beaverton Last Tuesday** – Fliers and postcards available. Event featured on third page of Your City newsletter (never been on third page before!)

Library Opportunity (Jayne)

Ed House from the Beaverton Public Library has expressed interest in holding monthly programs at the library. Among the ideas suggested he is considering performing artists, films, and other programs of interest to the public. Discussions have been conducted among Neighborhood office, BAC & library to work together on this. Has asked BAC to handle bookings. In keeping with BAC's mission, Laura made a motion that BAC serve as a facilitator, rather than a content provider for the library's monthly programming events. Stephen seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved. BAC will support the library's programming by supplying a list of resources and/or suggestions.

Agenda for Quarterly Joint Meeting with BAF (Andrew)

- Consistency in messaging, fundraising, and delineation of responsibilities
- Coordination of efforts (i.e. website)
- Stephen recommends special guest, Steve Bloom of Japanese Gardens who increased funding dramatically. Schedule for July or Oct. mtgs. before Bloom goes on sabbatical.
- Stephen also suggests having members of the Foundation meet monthly with BAC and whether to influence them to do so.

Speaker's Bureau Presentation (Michael)

Changes to the Powerpoint presentation, including edits and new graphics were quickly viewed. Joel suggests adding information regarding the Foundation.

Dinner for July Board Meeting

Stephen provided a nice sandwich tray from Costco for tonight's meeting and Joel volunteered to provide dinner for the July meeting.

Performing Arts Center Discussion (Michael)

After a conversation with Eric Kingstad, Michael asks the Board why Beaverton needs a performing arts center when we have the Kingstad Center. Don and Laura discuss the needs from a performing artist's perspective that the Kingstad does not provide, such as theatrical seating, lighting, rags, proper dressing rooms, and appropriate flooring. The board also discusses that thriving arts communities provide multiple theatre options, and the more options that exist will in turn enhance a community.

Long Range Plan Update

Motion to table this discussion until the next board meeting: Andrew
Second: Michael

Topics for Next Meeting

- Selection of speakers for Speaker's Bureau
- New BAC T-shirts (design, color, tag line)
- Long-range plan update

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

