

Hillsboro Arts & Culture Council
Minutes
July 24, 2019 – 4pm

I. Call to order, Roll Call & Welcome

Lasswell called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm and took roll.

HACC Members present: Chair Jean Lasswell, Ramon Cancel, Ajoy Navin Chakrapani, Martin Conley, BJ Jeddelloh, Jeff Jurens, See Eun Kim, Tonya Macalino, Gayle Nachtigal, Venkatesh Naik, Pamela Padilla.

HACC Members absent: Vice Chair Joan Callaway, Tracy Francis, Dawn Sellers.

Staff present: Simone Brooks (Assistant City Manager), Dave Miletich (Director of Parks & Recreation), Nancy Nye (Senior Manager of Arts, Culture and Events), Michele McCall-Wallace (Cultural Arts Program Manager), Melissa Moore (Community Arts Program Supervisor), Valerie Otani (Public Art Program Supervisor), LeAnn Alsop (Cultural Arts Facility Supervisor).

Visitors: none

II. Approval of Minutes:

Jurens made a motion to approve the minutes of May 22, 2019. Jeddelloh seconded the motion. Approved by unanimous vote.

Nachtigal made a motion to approve the minutes of June 26, 2019. Conley seconded the motion. Approved by unanimous vote.

III. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

IV. Reports and Presentations:

A. Report on Refreshments

Refreshments were mysore bonda from Virhundu South Indian restaurant on Main Street in Downtown Hillsboro. Alsop noted there was an Indian Festival being held in downtown Portland on August 11 in celebration of Indian Independence Day. She highlighted some information about Indian Independence Day. Alsop referred to Chakrapani to explain mysore bonda. He noted this was a traditional snack made from rice flour. Chutney is usually served with the bonda. Two different chutneys were offered for tasting.

B. Information: Arts and Culture moments

Cancel, Nye, Lasswell, Naik, Macalino, Miletich and Nachtigal all shared arts and culture moments from the last month.

C. Guests: Tiffany Lai and Linda Saari, Hillsboro Symphony Orchestra

Moore introduced Lai and Saari of Hillsboro Symphony Orchestra. She shared about a performance she had attended in their previous season and invited Lai and Saari to share about the orchestra.

Lai gave a presentation about the organization. She thanked the HACC for their grant support, resources, and advocacy. She passed out flyers. Discussion followed.

D. Update from the Director's Office

Miletich shared about going to various parts of the city with Councilor Alcaire to provide lunches and visit with community members. He offered gratitude to the staff who participated in making Celebrate Hillsboro successful.

Nye shared more about Celebrate Hillsboro – There were three stages. The Parks and Recreation booth was very active this year. Many other city departments had booths that appeared to be very successful. For the first time, Sequoia Gallery and Studios curated an artist marketplace in the Civic Center and the top tier of the plaza. Celebrate Hillsboro usually ends at 4 pm, but due to this being the 15th year an after-hours concert was added. Nye noted there was a lot of great community involvement. She thanked Moore for the great changes made in the Cultural Arts village.

Miletich also highlighted some observations about Celebrate Hillsboro – Camp Amp had a successful presentation of their students; attendance was significantly larger this year; the changes in the Cultural Arts village were well received. He noted there are more plans to improve next year.

Miletich reported that Lasswell did a great job in the Cultural Arts District presentation to City Council. Lasswell thanked Nye and McCall-Wallace for their work in preparing the presentation. Discussion followed.

E. Update on Committees

i. Arts Month

Naik discussed Arts Month collateral, schedule of pop-ups, and noted that more volunteers were needed to assist with the pop-ups. He referred to page 12 of the packet. Moore explained the schedule and what volunteers do. Moore took note of HACC members who volunteered for specific dates:

August 13 – Macalino and her children.

August 15 – Moore noted enough volunteers here. Kim stated she could help if something came up.

August 18 – Moore noted this date may change. Naik volunteered.

August 24 – no volunteers

August 27 – Macalino and her children.

September 19 – Moore noted Cancel is performing.

Jurrens asked about Hops performance that was previously discussed. Moore noted it was cancelled due to their preference in location at the stadium.

Discussion regarding other pop-ups followed.

Naik shared that ArtFest schedule. Moore added that Alsop would be sending an email out to local arts organizations to remind them to post to the Tualatin Valley Creates Calendar. She invited HACC members to encourage the organizations they were involved with.

ii. Cultural Arts District

Lasswell reported the presentation to City Council was good. The City Council was very receptive to the presentation and had many questions. McCall-Wallace thanked other HACC members who attended the presentation. Discussion followed. McCall-Wallace thanked the Cultural Arts District Committee for their hard work. Lasswell echoed the thanks.

iii. Endowment

Chakrapani reported that tickets for the benefit concert were now on sale. The concert will be a dinner-club style event this year. He encouraged other HACC members to share the information. The Endowment committee is still working on securing sponsorship. Chakrapani invited HACC members to spread the word to anyone they thought would be interested in sponsoring.

Lasswell asked when the invitations for the Endowment awards would go out. Moore noted the HACC would have to vote on the use of the disbursement first, which would happen later in the meeting. If approved, invitations would go out as soon as July 25.

iv. Multicultural Outreach

Nye noted the Multicultural Outreach committee had not convened. They will schedule a meeting once a more defined purpose for the committee had been established.

v. Grants Panel

Moore noted the grants panel committee has also not met.

vi. Public Art Selection Committee

Otani reported the committee has selected artist Norie Sato for the public art at the new Community Center at 53rd Avenue. She gave some background on Sato. She noted the choice to select Sato was a unanimous decision by the committee. Otani reported that no design has been selected yet. Sato would be coming to Hillsboro July 31 for an orientation. Otani is hoping for a design to be presented by fall.

Otani also noted the mural committee met prior to the HACC meeting. She will report on that later in the agenda.

F. Update on Cultural Arts Programs

Moore referred to the agenda packet for pictures of the Ethiopian Festival. She discussed the event and noted there was as an evident regional interest in the event. Chakrapani noted he enjoyed the event and would like to see more festivals like this. He thanked Moore for her work.

Moore discussed the Cultural Arts Village at Celebrate Hillsboro. She referred to the agenda packet for pictures. She thanked HACC members for assisting at the event. Moore also reported the decision to put an artist's artwork on the tote bags this year and noted that everyone at the meeting was receiving a tote to take home.

Otani noted Elemental Sequence is almost done. She referred to the agenda packet for pictures. Discussion of the process and next steps followed. Otani thanked Conley for his participation with Dann Nardi. She noted that Conley has taken some of the custom forms from Elemental Sequence to create a new sculpture at Golden Road Studios. Having these pieces recycled by a local artist was a nice conclusion to the process of creating Elemental Sequence.

Brooks apologized for interrupting the report, but had to leave early. She noted the Civic Leadership Academy would have 13 participants this year. A meet and greet was scheduled for July 25 at 6 pm at the new HillHub on Elam Young Parkway at the Chamber offices. She invited all to attend. Brooks explained that Civic Leadership Academy does a deep dive in to a specific topic each year, but also introduces participants to the inner working of city government.

McCall-Wallace reported summer camps at the Walters Cultural Art Center were currently in progress. They are gearing up for fall classes and the new concert series will be released August 1.

The Paula Cole concert was already announced and tickets were currently on sale, as well as the Endowment Benefit concert on November 9.

The Peruvian Festival – in which Cultural Arts is a sponsor – will be on Saturday, July 27. Portions of the festival will cost \$10, but much of it is also free.

Artwalk on August 6 will have activities on the lawn again.

Family Art Night is going to be cancelled as the Cultural Arts team looks at how to align it with the Cultural Arts Action Plan.

Nye noted the free concert at the park series is on Thursday nights. She invited HACC members to look at the schedule and attend a concert.

V. Old Business:

None Scheduled

VI. New Business:

A. Consider approving the recommendations of the Endowment Committee on the selection for the Endowment Disbursement

Nye referred to page 19 of the agenda packet and read the memo. She noted that 14 organizations will receive a portion of the distribution. Lasswell called for a motion. Jeddelloh moved. Jurrens seconded. Approved by unanimous vote.

B. Consider approving recommendations of the Public Art Mural Review Committee

Otani referred to page 20-21 of the agenda packet. She reminded the HACC of the purpose of the mural committee and discussed the memo. Otani noted the mural

committee recommended the proposal be approved. Lasswell called for a motion. Conley moved. Padilla seconded. Approved by unanimous vote.

Jurrens reminded staff that there had previously been questions about the process of applications and the mural committee's ultimate purpose and role. McCall-Wallace explained the history of the committee and noted the committee is just regulatory, but not for content. She noted that changes to the process are still being considered by staff. Research has been done, but nothing has been decided. She noted that Economic Development was involved in the current mural, so more regulation had been involved this time. Discussion followed.

VII. Other Business:

None Scheduled

VIII. Announcements and Information Items:

- A. Elemental Sequence Dedication, Amberglen Park, Thursday, August 15, 2019, 5:30 pm
Otani shared information about the dedication. New Vision Dance Company will be performing. There is a need for more volunteers to help at the event. Chakrapani and Kim volunteered.

Conley noted Golden Road Studios would be having an opening on August 22 at 4 pm.. Address is 5459 Golden Road, in Hillsboro.

Padilla shared the Peruvian Cultural Festival would be happening on July 27. McCall-Wallace clarified the festival is free to attend, but attending the performances in the theatre would cost \$10.

Macalino stated the Hillsboro Historic Society was working on developing signs for downtown Hillsboro. She thanked Otani for her assistance.

Saari thanked the HACC and Cultural Art Staff for all of their hard work and noted her appreciation for their teamwork.

IX. Meeting Adjourned.

Lasswell adjourned the meeting at 5:41 pm.