



**artMOB Meeting Notes
September 19, 2012**

Attendees:

Beth Ragel (staff liaison), Kara Busick, Jeff Davis, Jennifer Finn, Val Hubbard, Dizzy Lavery and Elyssa Thelin. Absent: Joe Riso and Zara Logue.

Guest:

Ami Margolin-Rome from North Clackamas Education Foundation
Elisabeth Goebel from New Century Players

- New Century Players—Elizabeth Goebel, the Executive Director of the New Century Players, gave members an update on the activities for New Century Players. They will be performing “Spelling Bee”—a hilarious musical-- in the Milwaukie Black Box Theater at MHS in January. The group discussed cross-promoting this event:

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Directed by Ron Palmblad

Musically Directed by Jon Quesenberry

Choreographed by Megan Carver

Auditions: December 2012

Performances: January 17th-27th – Milwaukie HS Blackbox

- N. Clack Education Foundation—Ami Margolin-Rome from the North Clackamas Education Foundation gave the group an overview of what her organization does for school district. If artMOB was to sponsor or partner on a grant with the school district, she can help write or review the grant application. This would be great if artMOB wants to do a mural with the school district and apply for a RACC grant.
- Film Project—The Madonna Project filming and editing should be done by the end of September. Tentative date of show is November 2nd to be shown at Milwaukie High School in the Black Box Theater.
- Mural Project – Beth was contacted by the Vietnamese Outreach Specialist with the North Clackamas School district who would like to put a multi-cultural mural in Milwaukie. He has already talked to the schools about helping him. He is very motivated and is pulling together a lot of supporters throughout the district. He spoke at the Planning Commission meeting on Sept 25th in favor of the sign code changes.

The Milwaukie Planning Commission held a public hearing on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 and (unanimously) recommended approval of Zoning Text Amendments to the Sign Ordinance (File #ZA-12-01). City Council will hold a public hearing on the amendments on **Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main Street.



Summary of Proposed Changes

- Amended regulations would exclude public art murals from the definition of 'sign' in Subsection 14.04.030, Definitions in Title 14, Sign Ordinance.
 - The Milwaukie City Council is considering an ordinance to establish a public art murals program. The Sign Ordinance does not currently allow for murals to be treated separately from standard business signs. The program would allow murals on public buildings or on public art easements on private buildings.
 - The Planning Commission will consider only the proposed exclusion in Title 14, and not the portion of the ordinance that would establish the public art mural program. The public art mural program is not a land use regulation, and not subject to the procedures for Zoning Text Amendments in Section 19.902.
- Website: Beth has been given the go ahead to hire a webmaster for three hours to get the WordPress site up and running. Jennifer and Kara will be meeting with her to go over the site.
 - Scarecrow Contest/Next meeting –10/17 which is the scarecrow deadline for entries and judging. Judging begins at 6:00pm and ends at 7:00pm. There are 12 stakes for the scarecrows. Prizes will be given. Agreement was made by Kara to get a certificate from Milwaukie Kitchen, Wine 30, Ohana, and Pietros; Dizzy would check with Cha Cha Cha and Things from another world; Jennifer will check with Springcreek Coffee House and Make One; Val will check with Chocolate and the Painted Lady. Kara will also take flyers around to the business to put in windows about the event. The Scarecrows will come down November 1st.
 - Beth noted they need a new smaller size banner. The old one is getting beat up.
 - RETREAT Nov. 10th-- Group confirmed that they will have their retreat on Sat. Nov. 10th 10am-1pm.

Beth shared notes from their first meeting with organizational consultant George Thorn (see attached.) He will be providing services for free through a program that RACC has called the "Cultural Leadership Program." Jeff and Val also met with him as a pre-meeting and both thought he would be very helpful.