

Milwaukie Arts Committee
Committee Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2023
Location: In-person, Milwaukie City Hall

Attendees: Julie Ratliff, Gabriella Ugarte, Mark McCrary, Sarah Love, Josh Freeman. Staff: Jordan Imlah. Guests: Lorri Biggs.

The meeting was brought to order by Vice Chair Josh Freeman at 6:05 pm

Review and Approve Minutes

- Committee Minutes from March 2023 meeting were approved as presented (Julie moved; Gabriella seconded; motion carried)
- Committee Minutes from April 2023 meeting were approved as presented (Mark moved; Gabriella seconded; motion carried)
- Committee Minutes from May 2023 meeting were approved as presented (Julie moved; Sarah seconded; motion carried).

Financial Report

Julie gave a verbal update regarding financials (no change since last meeting). We just received the Reser (\$3,500) and Autzen (\$2,500) grants and are waiting for Kinsman (\$2,500). Expenses for Porchfest will be showing up in the next couple of weeks.

Treasurer Vote

Mark McCrary was voted in as Treasurer (Julie motioned; Sarah seconded; motion carried)

Bing Cherry Sculpture and Event

Jordan reported that the contract with the artist is being reviewed by City Finance, who has been very thorough. There was a potential liability concern but the committee felt that it would be easily resolved.

Juneteenth and Pride Celebration Recap

Josh reported that Juneteenth was successful. He noted that Sarah came to help at the Arts Committee tent.

Mark reported that Milwaukie Pride was successful and expressed his appreciation for all the work that the City of Milwaukie provided.

New Members Update

Jordan reported about new Committee members approved by the City of Milwaukie to serve two-year terms:

- Hamid Shibata Bennett is returning to serve a full term
- Whitney Lyons will begin her first term

Featured Artist at City Hall and July First Friday Events

Sarah encouraged everyone to attend the event on Friday, July 7 where Sara Reynolds' work will be featured. She asked for volunteer assistance to help out. She also has the artist for August 4 lined up. September may be a History of Milwaukie exhibit in the new City Hall.

Defunct Piano

Jordan has been asked by City staff what we want done with the piano. There is nothing more to do with the piano so staff may disassemble as needed. Caution was encouraged with cutting the piano wires since they are so taut, they might harm the person. Youtube was suggested to inform the best way to cut them.

Porchfest

The first Porchfest begins July 14. Members were asked to take posters to distribute. Members also finished signing up for yard sign distribution for weeks 2 and 3. Porchfest hats have been distributed/reserved for performers with few remaining. We had a volunteer visitor, Lorri Biggs, attend to offer any assistance to Porchfest. Sam (through Jordan) requested that committee members promote Porchfest through their own social media and send news releases to various news media outlets that they might have connections with.

Other Business

Julie was given kudos for a job well-done as Treasurer and will be missed.

Additional reminders:

July 13 is the volunteer picnic at Milwaukie Community Center

July 18 the Committee will go before City Council to seek clarification of the public art/mural program

July 19 will be the next MAC meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.

Respectful Submitted,

Mark McCrary for Laura Steenson