



Arts Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Members Present Matt Jacobson, Robert Wyss, Cami Munk, Jeff Evans, Peter Klinge, Christy Anderson, Hayley Oliphant

City Staff Present Kim Sorensen, Lori Edmunds, Katie Lindquist, Kristine Jones

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Christy motioned to approve the minutes of July 12, 2022. Jeff seconded the motion and the minutes passed unanimously with one modification that on page 2, theater update change to reflect projection and sound room will not be next to the screen.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

BOARD REPORTS

Create Today feasibility Report: Lori presented that a steering committee has been formed to include Kim, Lori, Kat Martinez, and Mayor Hales. They were also asked to put together a task force which includes a great mix of approximately 10-12 people to include Jeff Evans, Candy Tippets, Cami Munk, Allison Jensen, Lupe Mayorga who is David Archuleta's mother.

Jeff presented that the steering committee made mostly of staff except for ones hired out of New York and one from Phoenix meet much more often than the task force. Scenarios and questions were asked as to how we would make the amphitheater and Murray Theater successful with programming as well as helping to promote accessibility to get to the venues as a destination for shows. There was a wide array of opinion regarding community involvement. Programming was a key focus on this discussion and members of the task force agreed that the important role that programming plays in creating accessible and engaging experiences. Major themes included A greater diversity of the arts and cultural programing; A focus on family friendly events and offerings; Programs that are exciting, memorable, and well attended; Affordable options to ensure greater accessibility; Programs and events that reflect the diverse populations of Murray to reach as many residents as possible. Additionally, several programming adjacent themes, more advertising and marketing of events, expanding the amphitheater calendar, spring, and fall. Grants and affordable rental rates with technical assistance and staff help was also discussed. Finally, it was discussed that renovations create a welcome at home feeling for the community while still welcoming anyone outside of the city. Information gathered from all these people will be put it into a report for us to help clarify questions as we move through this process.

STAFF REPORTS

Resident on Display: Katie presented that Cal Christensen's information will be up until the end of September. If anyone knows of any local artists, please send to them Katie. She has a couple of weeks to fill the next spot.

Amphitheater Update: Lori presented that they are 2/3 of the way through our season which is good news. Drowsy Chaperone starts this Friday, a fun story then we have Toast which is a group that sings bread songs. One Voice Children's Choir this month, as well a youth theater production in September and then another group that sings Carpenters songs to end the year. We are all excited and have had a very good year. Previous show highlights, Sister Act was funny, Matilda was amazing as well as Jim Smith who puts on Drowsy Chaperone always puts on a good show.

Theater Update: Lori announced that Judd Construction was offered the contract and they accepted. Excited to get going on this project. Theater seating samples were available at the meeting for those wishing to sit down and try them out. Was visible to see how the ADA seats will look as well as displayed the cup holders available on all seats. Preference of black plastic on the seating over the displayed gray was unanimously passed in a motion with a sample of the carpet and the fabric that was picked was also available. Coming right along so as soon as we get the contracts signed the timeline to open will be August 2023.

BUSINESS

Arts Education Plan: Katie presented an arts menu that was put together and given to each school's principal to recap what we are offering the schools. This year we are offering after school musicals once again because they are the school's favorite. Last year not all the schools were comfortable participating DUE TO Covid so a lot of them were hoping these would return. Missoula will be coming in January, usually it is in November. A symphony day would be great for 6th grade to bus them in and do a fun thing for them. Vote on motion for next year's schedule. All voted unanimously with Symphony and Cotton Tales being added to the list.

Lori presented one more manner of business: A few years back we started doing music residencies with all the K-12 which was \$40k a year. We end up giving the school district between \$40-80k a year depending on what we are doing to help subsidize programs that they don't have. Lori received an email from the coordinator/director for K-12 asking if we would start that over again so that they may hire an arts facilitator. Lori asked for a vote on whether we have that program again or not. There is not a feasible audit to see where that money is going. Clark motioned to vote no, and Peter seconded it. Motion was unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

Hayley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Cami seconded it. All voted in favor.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

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