

PRAIRIE VILLAGE ARTS COUNCIL | MEETING MINUTES
MPR, City Hall
July 10th, 2024
5:30 pm

BUSINESS MEETING

Bonnie Limbird called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Council members present were:

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| ☒ Abby Margariel | ☐ ___, city council vice chair |
| ☒ Amy Bagnall | ☒ Maddie Samuel |
| ☒ Bob Bahr | ☒ Nickie Lee, staff member |
| ☒ Bonnie Limbird, committee vice chair | ☒ Reese Naftel |
| ☒ Gina Ciampi | ☒ Renee Duvall |
| ☒ Jessica Gattorna | ☒ Ron Nelson, city council chair |
| ☒ Joanna Polley | ☐ Trudy Williams |
| ☒ Laurel Thomas | ☐ Trinity Ready, student member |

The agenda was approved unanimously.

Public Participation: none

The **Consent Agenda** was approved unanimously which included:

- a. Approval of the **July 2024** meeting summary..

Ron gave the **City Council Report**.

- Council approved the non-R-1 zoning updates 11-1 at the last council meeting. It is a clean-up of the zoning across the board, and opening commercial up to residential above the ground level.
- A Short Term Rental policy is in the works now.

Nickie gave the **Current Year Financial Update**. She noted that Art of Photography has come in a little more expensive than in previous years, and entries are still down, but both of these have been accounted for in the 2025 budget. Republic Trash has not made their 2024 donation yet, but should be hitting the books this year yet.

New Business: Council discussed that the 2025 City budget process is nearly complete. Our committee budget was approved, no major cuts were found, and there is an increase on the police budget too.

KS Arts Symposium - Reese, Bonnie, maybe Gina, maybe Bob are all interested. Council voted to authorize up to 3 attendees, and Nickie will check back in August for final attendees. Laurel made the motion, Jessica seconded, and the motion carried.

Council reviewed and briefly discussed the proposed new **Mission Statement**. Jessica made the motion to approve and Abby seconded, and the motion carried.

The Prairie Village Arts Council fosters cultural appreciation, inclusion, and economic development by celebrating local art, connecting artists with enthusiasts, and creating lasting community partnerships.

Council discussed whether to approve a Not To Exceed dollar value to purchase a **Parade of Heart** heart in the upcoming 2024 auction. After discussion about multiple factors including that the heart would have to be a durable one for our investment, Maddie made a motion to save our money and not spend it on PoH, Amy seconded, and the motion carried.

The Business Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

PLANNING MEETING

Strategic Planning Update, Timeline & Discussion

Council agreed to break out into smaller temporary subcommittees to brainstorm ideas. The subcommittees with the lead organizer in **bold** are:

- Partners - Maddie, **Abby**, Joanna, Amy
- Buyers - Bonnie, Reese, **Laurel**
- Artists - Renee, Jessica, Bob, **Gina**

Past Show/Events

The **Art of Photography exhibit** has closed at City Hall and was taken down on Saturday, 7/6. We sold 3 pieces. The reception went really well, everyone had a great time. We ran out of alcohol.

Ideas:

- We should put out a tip jar for donations at the bar and a QR code
- Add a reminder that we take donations at the sign-in desk - with a summary of what we do and our mission statement.

Bob asked if the juror got his stipend check? Bonnie & Nickie to follow up.

Prairie Village Art Show - Abby shared that the event went well. It did rain the first night so attendance was down. The flutter flag is a pain; it doesn't stand up and has to be rigged. It also gets in people's faces. We need something else. We received over \$200 in donations for ducks.

We didn't end up partnering with the JoCo Art Therapy group because it was too much with the poster making for Juneteenth.

Upcoming Event Updates

Tonight's event (Klausing, DeGraff, & Larson) - Food trays are from Hen House. The contact is Laura Connell (816-529-4663 corinth). If we want to use them again, just call her directly and tell her what we want and she just takes care of it off-menu. Bonnie will add her to the event planning /curator checklist for future shows.

JazzFest - Jessica is leading. Watch for a sign-up genius to work the tent.

State of the Arts - Renee shared that the call for entry is open and so far we have 73 submissions. Gina volunteered to make a box for donations at the event.

Homesteader's Plaque & Ribbon Cutting - Ribbon cutting may not happen. It was just an idea that was thrown out. The Plaque is in place now though.

Marketing & Communications

No update, but we're currently supporting the public art contest online through late July and looking forward to awarding Bob's painting. The team is also reviewing the website for broken links to refresh.

Bob interviewed Robert Klausing for an article in our newsletter that goes out next week.

Planning Ahead

The **Sponsorship Program** subcommittee will meet in August.

End.