

Cortez Public Arts Advisory Committee Meeting
June 12, 2019; 3:45 P.M.
Cortez City Hall Conference Room

Present: Mark Allen, Heidi Brugger (scribe), Peyton Heitzmann (city intern), Sonja Horoshko (chair), Eric Ikenouye (city liaison), Chris Lindell, Brenda Van Keuren, Alexandra York

Absent with notice: Aaron LeMay

Guests: Libby York (Alex's mom)

- I. **Call to Order.** Sonja Horoshko called the meeting to order at 3:45 P.M.

- II. **Presentations.** Patricia Lacey, a member of the Community Band, Presented a request for \$500+/- per concert (\$1,000 total) as an honorarium for the Community Band, which is scheduled to play two concerts in Parque da Vida this summer, one on June 30 and another on August 18. The City of Cortez has awarded the band a \$250 honorarium in the past. Issues around insurance in order to use the park are moot since the band is not charging admission. Because Mark Allen's presence could present a conflict of interest (he is the band leader), the committee requested that Lacey write up her request and submit it to the committee, which will bring it to a vote at the July meeting (when Allen will be absent).

- III. **Citizen Participation.** None.

- IV. **Old Business**
 - a. *Approval of May 15, 2019 Minutes.* Heidi Brugger made a MOTION: To accept the May 15, 2019 minutes. Brenda Van Keuren seconded the motion, which PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

 - b. *Cottonwood Tree Update.* This item of business began with a vote of gratitude to the city workers who saved the tree for us. Brenda Van Keuren distributed a packet with the schematic proposal for the cottonwood trunk in Montezuma Park. She reviewed the proposed time line. The new proposal includes 18 artists' work and would use less than the \$5000 allotted for the project. The caveat now is the planned band stage that CREA is proposing for Montezuma Park. The stage would obscure the tree trunk. The committee discussed options—incorporating the tree into the stage design, removing the tree with or without root system, creating a plinth for the cut tree, etc. Van Keuren and Chris Lindell will meet with mark Drudge of CREA to discuss ideas on how both projects can move forward. Once they meet with Drudge, they will report back to Eric Ikenouye, so that is a special meeting is necessary he can make arrangements.

 - c. *Election of Officers.*

1. Chair Position. Alexandra York nominated Horoshko for committee chair. Van Keuren seconded the nomination. No other nominations were received and the vote for Horoshko as chair was unanimous.
2. Vice-Chair Position. Horoshko nominated Van Keuren for vice-chair; York seconded the nomination. There were no challengers and Van Keuren was voted in unanimously.
3. Secretary Position. Van Keuren nominated Brugger as secretary; Horoshko seconded the nomination. The vote was five (5) in favor and Brugger abstained, so Brugger remains secretary.

V. New Business.

- a. *Mural Maintenance.* Brad Goodell, a professional artist who worked on three city murals, is also the city's mural maintenance worker. He submitted a proposal for cleaning, MSA UV sealer, scaffolding, and retouching on four murals: Working for a Living, Harvest Time, the Abundant Life Navajo rug mural, and the Panning for Gold (Garcia's). The total cost submitted is \$5000. He noted that he could do other murals next summer, but we are on a two-to-three-year maintenance cycle so additional mural maintenance will wait. Van Keuren made a MOTION: To draft a contract with Brad Goodell for the four murals' maintenance per his memo. York seconded the motion, which PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Eric Ikenouye will follow past procedures (this is the committee's first experience with mural maintenance); Van Keuren offered to review the contract if desired.
- b. *Mission, Vision, and Values.* The committee members reviewed the results of the recent workshop, with appreciation for the work Van Keuren and Peyton Heitzmann did setting up and running the workshop. Brugger suggested adding "people" into the mission statement, which would then read:

The Cortez Public Arts Advisory Committee is committed to enriching the cultural environment and experiences of the people of the City of Cortez through education, sustainable support, coordination, and promotion of the arts.

Additional discussion focused on the value statements. The committee agreed to change the final value, deleting the word *numerous* and tweaking the list of art forms. The amended final value statement would read:

We support the art forms, categories, mediums, and types, including but not limited to the following: architecture, two-dimensional art, three-dimensional art, adornment, fiber arts, literature, music, performance, and film.

Brugger made a MOTION: To accept the Mission, Vision, and Values as amended. Lindell seconded the motion, which PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- VI. **Draft Resolution/Ordinances.** None.
- VII. **Other Items of Business. Budget.** Horoshko charged the committee members with developing items for next year's budget, concentrating on the area of the arts in which they work. Ideas need to be accompanied by estimates of funds needed to create the project and are to be sent to Ikenouye prior to the July meeting, when the 2019 budget will be addressed. Some initial ideas were creating a "window walk" for exhibiting art works in vacant store fronts on Main Street, subsidizing an art-teacher-in-residence for a school, pop-up exhibitions, a brochure of places that offer art for sale in Cortez, a dedicated web site for public arts
- VIII. **Additional Citizen Participation.** None.
- IX. **City Staff Liaison Report.** Ikenouye reported that he received two grant announcements. One, with a looming deadline, is an NEA and Citizen's Institute on Rural Design grant for \$10K for design of space for cultural identity. The other is A Colorado Department of Public Health grant for \$5K for murals. The deadline for this one is August 15. Horoshko volunteered that she has been awarded NEA grants in the past and can work on these on behalf of the committee.
- X. **Committee Reports. None.**
- XI. **Adjournment.** At 5:00 P.M. Brugger made a MOTION: To adjourn. Chris Lindell seconded the motion, which PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Next Meeting: July 10, 2019; 3:45 P.M.