

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

12 p.m.

Vancouver City Hall

Birch Room

415 W. 6th Street

Vancouver, WA

Commissioners Present:

Reid, Percival, Richardson, Mercado, Gaspar, Rafferty and Ford

Commissioners Absent:

Harrington

Staff Present:

Donovan, Hull, Juettemeyer, Nilo and Stokke

Guests:

None

Item 1: Call to Order

The May 7, 2024, special meeting of the Culture, Arts & Heritage Commission was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by President Richardson in Birch Room at Vancouver City Hall and via Microsoft Teams.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Motion by Rafferty, seconded by Reid, and approved unanimously to adopt the minutes from April 11, 2024, with one modification: to add Jan Bader to the list of guests in attendance.

Item 3: Culture, Arts and Heritage Grants

Richardson introduced the grant discussion. The Commission directed \$25,000 to support performers at the Vancouver Arts and Music Festival, setting the grant funding pool to \$107,900.

General Discussion

The Commission discussed the various considerations for awards including:

Members

Brad Richardson
President

Linda Reid
Vice President

Beth Harrington
Julie Mercado
Ricky Gaspar
Lee Rafferty
Vacant
Rebekah Percival
Russell Ford, CCAC

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- The need for organizations to sustain funding outside this grant opportunity.
- The prevalence of returning organizations and projects.
- The fairness of funding projects occurring outside of city limits with money raised from city taxpayers.

Deliberation

The Commission discussed each application. Richardson recused and left the meeting room during the discussion of the NAACP 80th Anniversary Exhibit from 1:36 to 1:42 p.m. to avoid a conflict of interest as Executive Director of Clark County Historical Society.

The Commission arrived at a recommended funding package as follows:

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Award</u>
Columbia Play Project	"Energy on the Move"	\$5,000.00
Columbia Dance	2024-2025 Orchards Elementary Outreach Project	\$0.00
Unitarian Universalist Church of Vancouver	A Shareable Feast: Community Garden Mural	\$5,000.00
Columbia Arts Network	Art Organizations Support in Vancouver	\$0.00
Fourth Plain Forward	Art, Identity, & Movement	\$4,750.00
Fourth Plain Forward	Business Essentials for Creatives	\$4,000.00
Enspire Arts	Celebrate the Arts: Community Concert	\$3,800.00
Sakura 39ers Youth Association	Chuukese Language & Cultural Programs	\$10,000.00
Artstra	Clark County Open Studios	\$3,000.00
Clark County Latino Youth DBA Latino Leadership NW	Dia De Los Muertos Baile and Community Altar	\$7,600.00

La Casita Cultural Center and Art Gallery	Dia de Muertos Exhibit and First Friday Exhibits	\$10,000.00
Vancouver Ballet Folklorico	Dia de Muertos-Luminarias 2024	\$3,000.00
Historic Music Preservation Project	Education and Outreach Development	\$0.00
VITA Elementary PTSA	Exploring Heritage with VITA	\$5,000.00
Fourth Plain Forward	Fourth Plain Community Commons Arts Program	\$5,000.00
Historic Music Preservation Project	HMPP Marketing Assistance	\$0.00
Marianas Alliance for Growth of Islanders	Marianas Festival	\$0.00
Metropolitan Performing Arts	MPA Ambassadors Performance Outreach Program	\$0.00
Latino Community Resource Group of Clark County	Multicultural Resource Fair	\$6,000.00
Historic Music Preservation Project	Musician Compensation Assistance	\$5,000.00
Clark County Historical Society Washington	NAACP 80th Anniversary Exhibit	\$8,000.00
Washington State University	Raise Your Voice Series	\$0.00
Society of Washington Artists	Real Art Demonstration (RAD)	\$1,800.00
Vancouver's Downtown Association	Restoring The Kiggins Theatre	\$0.00

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Vancouver's Downtown Association	Uptown Wild Haven Mural	\$5,000.00
Vancouver Master Chorale	Vancouver Master Chorale Holiday Concert	\$0.00
Vancouver Master Chorale	Verdi Requiem Concert	\$0.00
Vietnamese Community of Clark County	Vietnamese Tet Festival (known as Lunar New Year)	\$5,950.00
Vancouver Master Chorale	VMC Classical Jazz Spring Concert	\$5,000.00
Above The Rim	WE GOT NEXT COMMUNITY FEST!!	\$0.00

Motion by Percival, seconded by Ford, and approved unanimously to award the Culture, Arts & Heritage Grant funds as distributed in the above table. Richardson abstained.

Item 4: Cultural Services Report

None presented.

Item 5: President's Report

None presented.

Item 7: Clark County Arts Commission Update

None presented.

Item 8: Public Comment

None presented.

Item 9: Commissioner Update and New Business

None presented.

Adjourned

This meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.