

Beaverton Arts Commission Board
Wednesday, September 8, 2021
Virtual
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Minutes

Commission Members: Rebecca Benoit, James Blaich, Destry Bunnell (Alternate), April Rose Castillo, Jayne Dahl, Sharon Dunham, Shelley Fagin, Shoshanna Lansberg, Sue Pike, Margaret Silloway, Sydney Trimble, Gina Wilson, Lynn Anderson

Absent: Dr. Dr. Alison Balbag, R. Ryan Hendricks

Timekeeper: Destry Bunnell

Staff Liaison: Debi Thompson

Guests: Chris Ayzoukian, Executive Director of The Reser

Councilor Liaison: Laura Mitchell

6:33 pm Call to Order – Jayne Dahl, Vice Chair

Open House PSA Boards & Commissions -

Applications being accepted for Beaverton Boards and Commissions.

Applications can be found at this link: BeavertonOregon.gov/getinvolved

BAC Commissioners introduced themselves, including time on the BAC, and their art forms

Council Updates:

Councilor Mitchell reported that Beaverton has a new permanent City Manager, Jenny Haruyama. Beaverton's Welcoming Week is from Sept. 10 - 19, 2021. City Council is discussing ideas for housing and shelters to help people transition into housing, including developing and strengthening partnerships within the community.

Visioning Advisory Committee Update:

Amanda Clark reported that the Visioning Advisory Committee is collecting survey responses and will use the information received for developing a strategy moving Beaverton forward and update the vision for the city. The first survey was done in 2005, and this is the second survey. <https://bvtn.info/august2021>

Guests: Chris Ayzoukian, Executive Director of The Reser

Vaccinations will be required when The Reser opens in March 2022, also will be required for employment, artists, and volunteers. Currently the audience seating is delayed, but should be received in October, and plans are to begin moving into The Reser in January. The capital campaign raised 12.2 million, 1 million above budget, and all money is being used for construction.

The Reser staffing updates: Marketing and Finance positions have been filled. Box Office Manager and Event Manager positions have been posted. A few more positions posted later this year. Volunteer opportunities will also be available.

The ticketing system (PesaTora), Ticket sales should launch in December for productions beginning in March.

A part-time Gallery Coordinator has been contracted and the first exhibition will be works from photographer Joe Cantrell.:

Catering RFP is underway for preferred caterers for meetings and events. Will still be able to use any restaurants for backstage, staff events, etc.

TheReser.org will launch soon.

Public Comment:

Raziah Roushan, Executive Director of Tualatin Valley Creates (TVC):

- Creative Impact Series with Hillsboro and Beaverton (first workshop tomorrow, Sept 9, 2021), will continue. Sponsor of Cultural Coalition of Washington County, which distributes small grant funds from Oregon Cultural Trust.
- TVC is looking for Board Members.
- Working on youth initiatives and will be launching a Creative Youth Collaborative (up to 20 youths in a cohort), with emphasis on how they can make systemic change. <https://tvcreates.org/youth-arts/>
- Sept 18, 2021 2-hour workshop for teens 15 - 19 can work on portfolio through critique, then will return in April with revised work (free workshop for teens)
- Craft Maker Networking event for The Village Gallery of Arts with Sharon Dunham, Sept. 29, 2021

BOARD BUSINESS ITEMS:

Approvals:

Minutes from July 2021 Meeting: Commissioner **Dunham** motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Benoit seconded. In favor 8 ayes, 0 nays, 3 abstain. Approved

Staff Liaison Updates: Debi Thompson

COVID - Cases continue to climb, the best defense against COVID-19 is to get vaccinated, links and info for people with language assistance, State-wide mask requirements for everyone 5 or older, 6 feet distancing, limit gatherings outdoors and in crowds. Face coverings are required when visiting all city buildings, including libraries.

Fall virtual voters' forum for open city council seat, tomorrow Thurs sept 9 at 7pm. Candidates are Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg and Jerome Sibayan for the runoff election. [BeavertonOregon.gov/VotersForum](https://www.beavertonoregon.gov/VotersForum)

Beth Tobey has left the Staff Liaison position. Laura Becker will be refilling the position, which she held prior to Beth, and starts Monday Sept 27.

Beaverton will no longer host the Mayor's ball event. Beaverton Arts Program will be working on mission, vision, and values.

BAM! Beaverton Art Mix! Virtual Art Show and Sale is Oct 1-17, 2021. Working with judges for best in show, jurors choice, and Mayor's pick.

<https://www.beavertonoregon.gov/1269/Beaverton-Arts-Mix-Art-Show-Sale>

Sub-committees report back

Grants and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Did not meet

Youth programs- Did not meet

Public Art - Did not meet

Agenda items for next BAC meeting, October 13 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Subcommittees meet before next meeting

8:00 p.m. Adjourn

Submitted by April Rose Castillo