

Parks, Art, & Beautification Committee

City of Star Parks, Art & Beautification Committee (PABC)

Monday, March 18, 2024, 6:34 PM 10769 W State St, Star, ID 83669 at Star City Hall

1A.1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Gerri McCorkle, Vice Chair Chris Cox, Rod McClure, Arlene Nelson, Claudia Sanders, Sue Speer

ABSENT: Staff Liaison Ryan Field, Council Member Jennifer Salmonsen, Vicki O'Keefe

2A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Rod made a motion to approve the 2/26/24 minutes, Chris seconded. The vote was unanimous.

3. Member Reports

<u>3A. Staff Liaison Report – Ryan Field</u>

Ryan was not able to attend tonight's meeting, but Gerri shared the following items from her earlier meeting with him:

- Ryan is coordinating a \$500 payment for Art by the River advertising in the Art Guide. The vendor will need to supply the City with a signed Form W-9, and Vicki will follow-up.
- Concrete pads for the outdoor exercise equipment are being poured at Hunters' Creek Park today. Equipment installation is planned for next week.
- The Mayor and Ryan discussed the city's bench program. Bench designs should be standardized and the City is not looking at adding any additional benches at this time.
- SWIDBA is holding a concert the night before Opera by the River. Porta-potties will be available for both events. The City will provide free rent of the Riverhouse grounds to Gemma Arts for Opera by the River in exchange for Gemma Arts offering the City an educational program later.
- Ryan requested that PABC not submit grant requests. Gerri said Ryan indicated there is
 a City staff person currently tasked with writing grants, and the City may hire another
 grant writer in the future. Gerri provided Ryan with a list of the grant opportunities
 PABC accumulated to date.

<u> 3B. Treasurer Report – Arlene Nelson</u>

No financial information was available, so this topic will be deferred until a future meeting.



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3C. Communication Discussion

The City is planning to restart its previous email newsletter. PABC was requested not to submit any news stories directly to news outlets going forward. PABC should provide content to the City's Public Information Officer for inclusion in the email newsletter or post it on PABC's Facebook page according to the City's social media guidelines.

3D. Ongoing Project Briefings

A. Exercise Equipment

As noted above in 3A, installation is planned soon.

B. Mural

Sue mentioned she saved pictures of various murals in the shared Google Drive folder under Ideas/Murals. She encouraged PABC members to add pictures of murals they like so we can discuss them later. It was noted the mural project is weather-dependent, so we will need to develop a plan soon to finish it before the fall.

C. Dog Bricks

Gerri noted the brick vendor requires an order of four bricks for efficient shipping. Sue will post on the PABC and Star community group Facebook pages to solicit orders.

D. Memorial Benches

This project was tabled until a future date.

E. Perennial Garden Boxes

Gerri will ask Ryan for a walk-through meeting at the Riverhouse with Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Bob Little.

F. Storage Container

The City is currently re-arranging its storage facilities. After these steps are complete, PABC may have access to a storage container to hold the items that we are currently storing in the Riverhouse barn.

G. City Hall Art Wall

The Star City Hall Public Art Exhibit Master Plan is on the agenda for the City Council meeting tomorrow night, and Arlene noted the Master Plan calls for PABC to publicize the artists and their work. As noted above in 3C, the City is currently revising its communication policies. Further guidance is requested re: communication options.



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H. Safety Rings

An order is anticipated for ten additional safety rings.

I. Banner Purchases

Vicki conducted an inventory of the existing banners. Chris fixed the banner rack.

3E. Events Reports and Discussion

A. Art by the River (ABTR)

Gerri noted that planning for ABTR is going well, and artists and crafters have reserved approximately 50% of the available spaces. The ABTR volunteer group is currently working on confirming food truck participation. Volunteer Donna Nuzzi created a sponsorship deck for advertising, and the goal is for sponsorship funds to cover advertising costs so event profits are available for public art.

B. Waggin' Tails Pet Fair

Gerri said the pet fair volunteer group will have its first meeting on 4/3. Gerri expects approximately ten volunteers; three of whom also volunteer with the local animal charity Hand & Paw.

C. Opera by the River

Gemma Arts intends to title the event "Anything Goes" this year and the music will include non-Italian pieces.

D. 4th of July Float and Rake Drill Team

Sue will provide an update at a later meeting.

E. Make Star Shine Spring Clean-up (4/27/24)

The Make Star Spring event will consist of three phases, 1) trash pick-up along State Street, 2) trash pick-up along New Hope, and 3) clean-up at the Star Senior Center. The "Girlfriend Gang" agreed to help at the Senior Center on 4/27/24 and they will volunteer again in May to plant flowers after the danger of frost has passed. The recruiting goal is 10-15 volunteers for State Street and 5-10 volunteers for New Hope. Sue will create a Sign-Up Genius event and post it to the PABC Facebook page.

Gerri and Sue will coordinate to pick up the needed supplies from ACHD and ITD before the event.



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4. Committee Recommendations to City Council

A. Discussion and Determination of Proposed Star PABC Budget Items for Presentation to the City Council for Consideration for the 2024-2025 City Budget (ACTION ITEM)

Gerri presented budget estimates for various PABC projects for the upcoming 2024-2025 budget year. Committee members discussed the projects, but a vote was tabled for tonight's meeting. PABC plans to hold a special meeting at 6:30 PM on 3/27/24 to discuss the budget in more detail.

Adjournment at 8:27 PM. The next PABC (special) meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on 3/27/24 at Star City Hall.

Approved on 4/15/24.