



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

Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 6:40 PM  
10769 W State St, Star, ID 83669 at Star City Hall

### **1A.1. Roll Call**

PRESENT: Chair Gerri McCorkle, Vice Chair Chris Cox, Council Member Jennifer Salmonsens, Rod McClure, Arlene Nelson, Vicki O'Keefe, Sue Speer

ABSENT: Staff Liaison Ryan Field, Claudia Sanders

### **2. Member Reports**

#### **2A. Staff Liaison Report – Ryan Field**

Topic will be deferred until a future meeting.

#### **2B. Councilmember Update – Jennifer Salmonsens**

- Jennifer said PABC's former City staff liaison Barbara Conly accepted a position with the City of Meridian.
- The pickleball courts at Pavilion Park are open.
- The parking lot at the Riverhouse is out for bid, and installation will hopefully occur by mid-September.
- Department heads and committee chairs presented their budget requests to the mayor and City Council at the City's budget workshop on 5/14. Gerri presented our previously PABC-approved budget of \$31,000. Ryan mentioned at the workshop that PABC will need to pay for storage going forward, and it is believed our budget request was revised to \$32,200 to include this expense. The next City budget workshop will be in June.

#### **2C. Budget Report – Sue Speer**

Please see item 2F.

#### **2D. Make Star Shine Rake Drill Team for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Hometown Parade – Sue Speer**

Sue registered with the city for a PABC float entry in the parade. Several members of PABC met last week to "beta test" the rake drill team concept and we have a draft music playlist. We reserved Blake Haven Park for practices on Wednesday evenings 5/29, 6/12, and 6/26 at 7 PM.

Sue will begin advertising a Sign-Up Genius link for volunteers on Facebook tonight after the meeting. She emailed the volunteers who previously expressed interest already.

Chris mentioned a friend offered to pull the PABC trailer with a tractor in the parade. Chris said his trailer could accommodate banners of 4X8 feet (which is also the same size as the street banners) along the trailer's two sides, and a 6X5 foot banner for the trailer's back.



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## **2E. Spring Make Star Shine Debrief – Sue Speer**

PABC held a trash pick-up event on Saturday, 4/27 along our two Adopt-a-Highway sections of State Street and New Hope Road. The “Girlfriend Gang” led by Crystal Spencer volunteered for a clean-up project at the Star Senior Center, and they also donated flowers. Several volunteers arrived with kids, so we added a trash pick-up project around the pond at Freedom Park too due to Adopt-a-Highway safety guidelines. Approximately forty people participated.

We picked up fourteen bags of trash on State Street and two on New Hope. Feedback seems to consistently be that there is not much trash along the New Hope section. Sue asked if PABC would consider not renewing the New Hope section after we fulfilled our commitment and concentrate on other projects instead. Arlene mentioned asking ACHD if there might be another roadside we could choose. Gerri will check her records to see when PABC will fulfill our New Hope commitment with ACHD.

PABC discussed the need to have a kid-friendly project each time we sponsored a beautification project, and it was determined that would be a good idea because we would like to encourage volunteerism for all ages.

We discussed the idea of picking up trash on State Street after the Hometown parade in July, and it was determined we would pass this year but decide whether it might be needed in the future.

## **2F. Budget Workshop Recap – Sue Speer**

In addition to the comments in #2B, the mayor mentioned several items at the 5/14/24 budget workshop that he intends to include in his budget request, such as adaptive playground equipment at Pavilion Park, stand-alone bathrooms at the Riverhouse, a paved pathway east from the flagpole at Hunters Creek Park for accessibility, a foul ball/shade screen near the Hunters Park snack shack, and a pedestrian pathway over the river near Freedom Park. The pathways master plan is in progress, and the City will be working on plans for Roseland Park and Trident Ridge Park. The City’s staffing budget will include hiring an additional employee for the building and grounds department and a City treasurer.

## **2G. Art Wall in City Hall – Arlene Nelson**

Arlene said Saverio Pellicano’s current art display will be taken down on 5/30 at 11 AM. Saverio suggested the City consider installing track lighting in the hallway to highlight the City’s future art displays.

Mark Shawver’s art display will be installed on 5/31, and will be available at City Hall for June, July, and August. Mark asked about a reception, and Arlene will ask Mark what his preferences



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are about the format, possible dates, and the guest list. Sue mentioned it would be prudent to consider the precedent PABC might be setting for future artists and our budgetary restrictions. Gerri will set up an interview with Mark and Star Spirit magazine.

Sue offered to make a Facebook post for a Call to Artists when we begin the next artist search sometime in June.

## **2H. Art Mural Project – Gerri McCorkle**

Gerri, Jennifer, and Vicki met with muralist Odessa Kaufman of Chalk & Cloud and Steve Green of Steve's Auto Care today to discuss a mural on the west side of his building. Odessa has completed several murals in the valley including at the North End Organic Nursery and Scheels. Possible PABC mural subjects include a star, parrot, river, fish, and trees. Steve will pay to wash and prepare the wall for painting. Odessa requested \$500 as a non-refundable fee to prepare a design concept, which PABC could apply towards the cost of the mural if PABC proceeded. See action item in #3A.

PABC included funds in its 2024-2025 budget request for another mural. PABC discussed the need to develop a Call to Business application so business owners can apply for a mural and PABC could specify program terms. Sue mentioned she thought she saw one on the City of Meridian's website and she will follow up.

## **2I. Lunaria Grant Update – Gerri McCorkle**

Idaho Botanical Garden previously awarded PABC a grant for flowerboxes. The project will now be sited at Westpointe Park with preferred installation by 9/30/24. PABC will need to walk the site with City staff, determine irrigation needs, and identify how other supplies (dirt, plants, etc.) will be funded beyond the cash provided by the grant.

PABC paid for concrete blocks in the last fiscal year, and the blocks have been stored at the Riverhouse. Some of them may have been used for a wall near the canal.

## **2J. Pet Fair Update – Gerri McCorkle**

Gerri said Hand & Paw has been a very good partner in the pet fair event, and she hopes PABC can launch the event and Hand & Paw can take it over going forward. The pet fair working team is soliciting sponsorships including \$500 received from ICCU. After discussion, PABC decided it would be preferable if Hand & Paw could organize the sale of the pet costume contest calendars with a possible share of their profits donated to PABC.

## **2K. Art by the River (ABTR) Update – Vicki O'Keefe**

Vicki said the artists' and crafters' booths are completely full in advance of the application deadline, and she has started a waiting list.



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Vicki presented pictures of the items that will be offered for sale at ABTR, which include a slate charcuterie board, slate coasters, wine bottle stopper, and pint glasses. There are also sixty glasses remaining from last year.

Excluding sponsorships, Vicki projected total ABTR revenues could be \$17,000 and total expenses could be \$10,000 this year. Arlene asked if the ABTR working team would be interested in proposing ideas for public art to be purchased with the ABTR profits.

ABTR banners will be displayed after 7/4.

### **2L. Opera by the River (OBTR) Update – Vicki O’Keefe**

The event will be on 8/10 and will be called “Voices of Opera: Anything Goes”.

### **2M. Dog Bricks – Rod McClure**

Rod contacted the five customers who had pending dog brick orders. Two cancelled, two have not yet responded, and the other provided payment.

Rod was asked to recommend projects that could be acquired with PABC’s share of the dog brick net profits with input from other PABC members. One idea was a bench, possibly with paw prints or other dog motifs, to be placed along the brick pathway at Waggin’ Tails Park. (The carryforward net profit from fiscal year ended 9/30/23 is believed to be \$1,662. Hand & Paw received this amount twice, approximately on 2/24/23 and 9/30/23, and PABC’s initial decision was to donate two thirds of the dog brick profits to local charities and retain one third for PABC projects at Waggin’ Tails.)

### **2N. Refinish Chairs at City Hall – Chris Cox**

Chris said he has a sander and most of the supplies needed to refinish the star chairs but will need to purchase a quart of UV lacquer and a brush. Gerri asked him to identify the necessary supplies on Amazon and she will forward a request to Ryan and Jennifer for purchase.

### **2O. Safety Rings Program Update – Chris Cox**

It was believed the City ordered or will order ten additional safety rings. Chris and Rod said the feedback for the program has been good so far, and there is interest from HOAs for the next round of rings. There has not been any known damage to rings previously installed. Rod said he has eighteen labels left.

### **2P. Life Vest Set-up/Reporting – Claudia Sanders**

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### **3. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **3A. Mural Expenditure for Art Concept**

Rod made a motion to spend \$500 for a concept design for a mural, Sue seconded. The vote was unanimous.

#### **3B. 4th of July Expenses**

Rod made a motion to spend up to \$400 for banners advertising Art by the River, the pet fair, and July 4th, with the understanding that the Art by the River and pet fair banners could also be displayed on either PABC's street-side A frame or at those events. Vicki seconded and the vote was unanimous.

#### **3C. Set Date for Artist Reception**

PABC decided our preference is to hold the artist reception on 1/15/25 if the Riverhouse is available that evening. Other possible dates include 1/13/25 and 1/14/25. No vote was taken on the event date until the availability of the Riverhouse could be determined.

**Adjournment at 8:47 PM.** The next regularly scheduled PABC meeting will be 6:30 PM on 6/24/24 at Star City Hall.

Approved on 6/24/24