

CITY OF VANCOUVER

Culture, Arts & Heritage Commission



Special Meeting Agenda for August 17, 2023

In Person and by Teleconference
Noon – 2 p.m.

Special Meeting

The August meeting of the Culture, Arts & Heritage Commission **has been moved** to August 17th from August 10th.

Access

In person in Aspen Room at Vancouver City Hall
415 W 6th Street, Vancouver WA, 98660

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Agenda

NO.	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER
1.	Call to Order		Board Chair
2.	Approval of Minutes	July 13, 2023	Board Chair
3.	Ad Hoc Committee for Commission Application Review	Decision	Subcommittee
4.	Culture, Arts & Heritage Grant Program Feedback	Discussion	Stacey Donovan
5.	Cultural Services Report	Update	Stacey Donovan
6.	President's Report	Update	Board Chair
7.	Public Comment		Board Chair

The Culture, Arts & Heritage Commission accepts remote and in person testimony under *Public Comment*. Advance registration is required. Written testimony is also accepted. To register, or to submit written comment, contact Kirsten Hull at kirsten.hull@cityofvancouver.us or 360-487-8307 by 11 am that day. All comments will be compiled and entered into the record. Those registering to testify are encouraged to provide their name/city of residency and are asked to limit comments to three minutes.

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Alex Gall · Beth Harrington · Brad Richardson · Christine A. Richardson · Julie Mercado · Lee Rafferty · Linda Reid – Chair

July 13, 2023

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

The July 13, 2023, meeting of the Culture, Arts and Heritage Commission (CAHC) was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by CAHC Chair Linda Reid in Aspen Community Room at Vancouver City Hall and via Microsoft Teams. Mercado entered at 12:25 p.m.

Staff Present

Stacey Donovan, Cultural Services Manager
Kirsten Hull, Support Specialist
Melody Burton, Marketing Manager
Stephanie Obotette, Administrative Assistant
Tricia Juettemeyer, Assistant City Attorney

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by C.A. Richardson, seconded by Harrington, and approved unanimously to adopt the minutes from June 8, 2023 as presented. Gall abstained.

ITEM 4: AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR COMMISSION APPLICATION REVIEW

The Commission requested to delay their recommendation from the subcommittee until provided with more information about the candidates.

ITEM 6: CULTURAL SERVICES REPORT

Donovan gave an update on the Vancouver Arts and Music Festival and highlighted volunteer opportunities for the Commission.

ITEM 3: CULTURE, ARTS & HERITAGE GRANT AWARD DECISION

General Discussion

Reid asked how the Commission felt about funding multiple proposals from the same organization. CA Richardson stated that she had no issue with it because staff permitted it at the grant workshops. Reid stated that a diversity of project types was important to her. CA Richardson added that the ability to provide partial funding to proposals made the evaluation process easier.

Deliberation

The Commission discussed each proposal and arrived at a recommended funding package as follows:

Organization	Proposal	Funding
Ke Kukui	Great River Arts Festival	\$ 10,000.00
Columbia Dance	Columbia Dance Enrichment Program at Orchards Elementary School	\$ 2,100.00
Vancouver Ballet Folklorico	Day of the Dead 2024	\$ 10,000.00

Vancouver Ballet Folklorico	Rehearsal Space Support	\$ 3,000.00
Vancouver's Downtown Association	Rotating Art Display (RAD) Program	\$ -
Historic Music Preservation Project	Musician Compensation Grant - Spring 2024 - Winter 2024	\$ -
Autism Empowerment	Hold My Beer	\$ 10,000.00
Bravo! Vancouver	Jazz On The Waterfront	\$ -
Vancouver Housing Authority	Nam U gas Mural Project	\$ 10,000.00
Bravo! Vancouver	Concerts For Kids (Bravo!)	\$ 5,000.00
Northwest Performing Arts Alliance	A Tale of the Nutcracker	\$ 5,000.00
Vancouver's Downtown Association	Bridging Districts through Public Art	\$ 10,000.00
Vancouver Master Chorale	Vancouver Master Chorale 75th Anniversary Christmas Concert	\$ 5,000.00
Journey Theater Arts Group	Camps for Kids (Journey Theatre)	\$ 2,000.00
Bike Clark County	Public Art Walk, Bike Roll Tours	\$ 5,000.00
Historic Music Preservation Project	Musician Compensation Grant Summer 2023 - Spring 2024	\$ 10,000.00
Historic Music Preservation Project	Marketing/Promotional Materials For The Historic Music Preservation Project	\$ 3,000.00
Historic Music Preservation Project	Bass Saxophone for The Ne Plus Ultra Jass Orchestra	\$ 2,000.00
WHY Community	Appletree Marathon - A Run through History	\$ -

The total recommended funding was less than the funding available. CA Richardson asked if the remaining amount could fund interim use of the Vancouver Arts Hub building. The Commission supported the suggestion, but declined to reference it in their motion as the timing of interim use is uncertain.

Motion by Reid, seconded by Gall, and approved unanimously to award the Culture, Arts & Heritage Grant funds as distributed in the above table.

Additional Discussion

The Commission had several suggestions to improve the next round in 2024 and requested a follow up meeting to work through new ideas. Issues identified included:

Application changes:

- Start the application with an "Organization Mission" question
- Fix budget form to be more user and reader friendly, including instructions
- Add "Are you an individual artist who needs a non-profit fiscal sponsor? – contact us" to the materials and/or application

Process suggestions:

- Provide example of successful application
- Add staff review period and offer applications an opportunity to clarify/revise
- Provide workshop on data tracking, project updates, and submitting reimbursements

Policy Questions:

- What is the right balance between creating projects vs sustaining organizations?
- How can the commission foster ongoing relationships with artists? How can they provide business development?
- How should historical information be vetted before it is incorporated into art & culture projects?

ITEM 7: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Reid provided the following updates:

- VDA will unveil Volunteer Corner during the RevitalizeWA Conference in early October.
- Reid attended the ArtsWA Creative Arts District conference in Port Townsend. Vancouver already has many features of an Arts District, but an official designation will open new state funding.
- Reid met with InspireWA to discuss establishing a Cultural Access Fund for the region. If successful, it would equate to \$6M in funding. Reid feels the timing is right to advance a proposal to the County and City.

ITEM 8: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public testimony.

ITEM 9: OPEN DISCUSSION

None presented.

ADJOURNED

This meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

To: Urban Forestry Commission
Culture, Arts & Heritage Commission

From: Teresa Brum, Deputy Economic Development Director

Date: 8/14/2023

Re: Silva Bolds Plaza, Main Street Promise Project

Thank you for your interest in the Main Street Promise project. The status on the Silva Bolds Plaza is as follows:

- The fountain will be preserved.
- The goal is to maintain the plaza as is.
- The water system will be upgraded for ease of operation.
- We are considering additional landscaping.
- The fountain will be cleaned and maintained.

If you have any additional questions, please contact members of the Main Street Promise team.