

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

Vancouver's Downtown Association	Rotating Art Display (RAD) Program	\$5,000.00
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.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 6, 2024

TO: Chair Brad Richardson, Culture, Arts and Heritage Commission

FROM: Amy Zoltie, Real Estate Project Manager, Economic Prosperity & Housing Department

RE: **Heights District Bike Garden and Murals**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Culture, Arts and Heritage Commission (the “Commission”) an update on the recent Heights District Bike Garden and murals and outline a future public art opportunity on the site. This will be discussed further at the Culture, Arts and Heritage Commission board meeting on June 13th.

Background

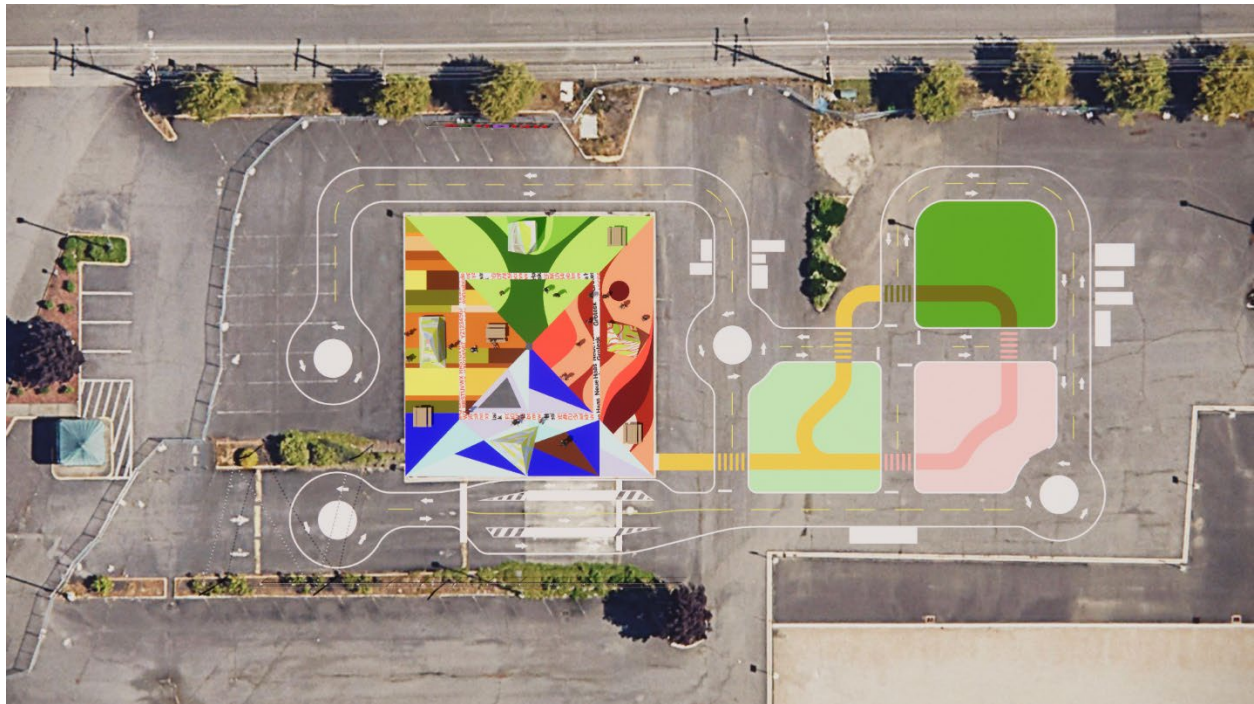
The Heights District is a 205-acre area in Central Vancouver bounded by E. Mill Plain Boulevard, MacArthur Boulevard and Andresen Road. The City of Vancouver is leading the redevelopment of the district to create a mixed-use 15-minute walkable neighborhood that is climate friendly and intentionally inclusive. The development will include mixed-income housing, retail, engaging public spaces and multi-modal travel options. The plan consists of a 63-acre area that encompasses the former Tower Mall site, known as the Tower Mall Redevelopment Area (TMRA). The City owns more than half of the land within the TMRA and recently issued a request for proposals to the development community for the first three development sites along E. Mill Plain Boulevard and N. Devine Road.

The TMRA is mostly vacant land following demolition of the Tower Mall in 2022, and City Council requested the site be activated ahead of construction of the three development sites slated for Q3 2026. In response to Council’s request City staff analyzed various temporary use options and public art in the form of mural boards (which later became reimagined as multi-faceted mural structures) emerged as the most viable choice to temporarily utilize the site as well as having the potential for significant community impact. The idea of a bike garden (more commonly referred to as a “traffic garden”) was also proposed as it serves to engage the community in a meaningful way.

This scaled-down streetscape with traffic features is painted on the ground to foster a safe and interactive environment free from motor vehicles where children can have fun while developing cycling skills and learn about pedestrian road safety.

Mural Design

The mural structures and bike garden were designed by First Forty Feet, the city's urban design firm leading the Heights District infrastructure design work. Colorful murals are painted on the ground as well as 4 large free-standing three-dimensional mural structures. The murals emulate the "Ologies" design concept of the future linear park, known as the Grand Loop. The Grand Loop is a part street, part linear park that will loop around the TMRA knitting together the amenities of the new neighborhood and connecting the district to the surrounding neighborhoods. There are four distinctive segments of the Grand Loop based off Vancouver's natural environment – volcanoes (Volcanology), waterways (Hydrology), trees and plants (Ecology), and rocks and land formations (Geology). The Loop will feature public art and educational play amenities that represent each "Ology" or natural environment element for all ages and abilities to enjoy. The murals represent the intersection of art, culture, science, and nature. Through vibrant imagery and creative expression, we aim to evoke a sense of wonder and appreciation for our surroundings. Below is a graphic of the bike garden and murals.



This temporary recreation space is located at 5411 E. Mill Plain Boulevard. The space is open and free for the community to use throughout the day as of June 8th for the next couple of years until development occurs.

Future Public Art Opportunities

There is opportunity for a future phase of public art should the Commission choose to do so. The eastern side of the bike garden adjacent to Devine Road has been identified as an area for further public art. This would be a separate project that the Commission would lead through a call to artists process.

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Heights Bike Garden & Murals Update

Amy Zoltie

Real Estate Project Manager
Economic Prosperity & Housing
June 13, 2024



Agenda

- Provide update on Heights District mural structures and bike garden
- Offer CAHC future public art opportunities
- Q&A





Redevelopment Area Site Plan

- 1,800 residential units
- 900 affordable units (30-80% AMI)
- 60,500 sf ground floor retail
- 1.6-acre Civic Plaza
- 1.6-acre Neighborhood Park
- Linear Park (Grand Loop)
- Accessible, multi-modal street network





Bike Garden and Murals

- Fun, temporary use until construction starts in 2026
- Mural design reflective of Grand Loop “Ologies” design concept



Volunteer Paint Event



Group of city staff, Bike Clark County and First Forty Feet volunteered to paint murals on the ground







Future Opportunities

- Arts Culture Heritage Commission to lead the call for artists
- Themes that are in-line with the Heights District vision and/or the spirit of Vancouver



Questions



Thank You



www.behardvancouver.org/heights-district-plan





Vancouver arts hub update

David Perlick

Director

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

June 13, 2024

Agenda



Building

Facility Work
to Date



Access

Initial Activation
Plan



Communication

Informing the
Community



Get Involved

Hands-on Ways to
Help



Facility Update

Creating a space for initial activation

- Building assessment completed; required updates identified and initial occupancy guidelines established
- City contracted theARTScentered to oversee facility operations and community use during the initial activation period
- Some areas are ready to use with chairs and tables for small meetings and classes; a dance and movement space with floating dance floor and Marley surface; and restrooms
- Discussing a budget strategy for roof replacement and key life and safety improvements in 2025-2026



Access Update

Building a framework for initial activation

- theARTScentered is meeting with artists, community partners, and arts and culture organizations to learn about their needs and how the arts hub building can be a resource in its current condition, as well as in the future
- Since May, the building has hosted several groups for rehearsals and meetings
 - **FUN FACT:** In May, the arts hub building welcomed artists ages 6 to 82 years old
- An online interest form will be available to the public in July; the form will be an entry point for artists and help us track potential use for future planning



Communication Update

Inviting the community to participate in the initial activation

- Be Heard engagement page will still be used for community engagement activities related to future planning for the building design
- New webpage on the City's website to provide information about initial activation of the building
- An interest form for building use will be open July 5
- Sharing this update with City Council and PRAC this week; information going out to the public starting June 17



Get Involved

Hands-on ways to help

- **Save the Date: July 5 First Friday**

Get a sneak peek inside the building and learn about initial activation uses

Enjoy art and performances by Vancouver Arts & Music Festival artists

Kick-off the next phase of community engagement for the project

- **Join a Building Project**

Volunteer time to lend a hand with building improvement projects organized by theARTScentered



Clark County Poet Laureate
Susan Dingle



Vancouver Ballet Folklorico



Art by Marila Guilliams



Opera on Tap Portland

Thank You

