

THE Mansfield

Center for the Performing Arts

ADVISORY BOARD

-- REGULAR MEETING --

Friday, February 20, 2015

Great Falls Civic Center Gibson Room 212

Call to Order: 12:03 pm

ROLL CALL

Advisory Board Members Present: Carl Donovan, Larry Gomoll, Keern Haslem, Allen Lanning, Kelly Manzer

Advisory Board Members Absent: Michael Gilboe

City Staff Present: Jenn Reichelt, Deputy City Manager; Owen Grubenhoff, Events Specialist; Dona Hughes, Mansfield Supervisor

Guests: Tracy Houck, Executive Director for the Paris Gibson Square

INTRODUCTIONS

None needed

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes

Board Member Gomoll moved, seconded by Board Member Manzer that The Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts Advisory Board approved the December 19, 2014, meeting minutes as submitted.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Board Member Gomoll moved, seconded by Board Member Lanning that The Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts Advisory Board approved the January 16, 2015, meeting minutes as submitted.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Recap Presentation on Creating a 501(c)(3)

The Mansfield Board of Directors discussed the presentation given by City Commissioner Bronson at the January meeting. Deputy City Manager Reichelt suggested that the next step might be for the Mansfield Advisory Board to make a presentation to the City Commission in regards to forming a 501(c)(3) Foundation. She suggested that if the Board decides to move forward, to begin thinking about questions such as:

- What would be the purpose a performing arts 501(c)(3)?
- Why is there a need now?
- What are the benefits?

The Board discussed some of the benefits of creating a performing arts 501(c)(3) such as fundraising for capital improvement projects, grant opportunities, community outreach and providing financial assistance for Youth events/projects.

Board Member Donovan moved, seconded by Board Member Gomoll that The Mansfield Advisory Board present a proposal to create a 501(c)(3) to the City Commission.

A question was raised about whether or not the City/Commission would reduce funding to the Mansfield if a 501(c)(3) was created and was successful in raising funds. The Board discussed this issue, and felt it would be appropriate to raise the question during the presentation or future meeting with the City Commission.

The board discussed the importance of the 501(c)(3)/Foundation's name and mission statement. While a name was not settled on it was determined that Performing Arts should be included.

The Board did raise some questions/ideas for further discussion and consideration:

- Should the 501(c)(3) include cultural arts throughout the entire community?
- Should the 501(c)(3) include interactive arts and performing arts throughout the Community?
- Instead of the diamond, perhaps The Mansfield is the center of a flower.
- How would the Foundation's Board report back to the Advisory Board?

No vote taken on Board Member Donovan's movement.

Action item: Deputy City Manager Reichelt volunteered to work with Keern Haslem to draft a presentation to bring back to the Mansfield Advisory Board for comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Event Report

Mansfield Supervisor Hughes passed out a schedule of upcoming events. Mansfield Events Specialist Grubenhoff recapped the past month's events.

Membership

The City received two strong applications for the Board position vacated by Kim Thiel-Schaaf, Pamela Bennett, Senior Media Planner at Wendt Advertising, and Tracy Houck, Executive Director of Paris Gibson Square Museum. Board Member Gomoll moved, seconded by Board Member Lanning that the Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts Advisory Board recommend the appointment of Tracy Houck.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

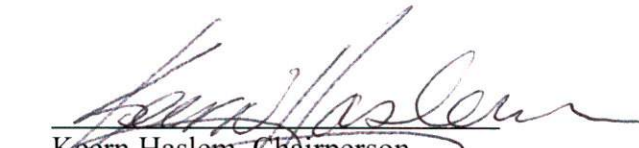
PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (Public Comment)

It was suggested and members agreed to move the next Board meeting from March 20 to March 27th due to Western Art Week and the Russell. Chairperson Haslem called for other public comment. No one responded.

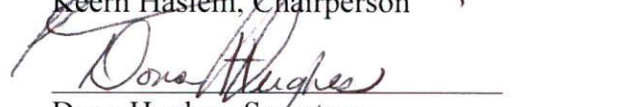
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before The Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts Advisory Board, Board Member Manzer moved, seconded by Board Member Donovan, to adjourn the regular meeting of February 20, 2015, at 1:12 pm.

Motion carried 5-0-0.



Keern Haslem, Chairperson



Dona Hughes, Secretary

Minutes Approved: March 27 , 2015