



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT ACKER TRUST BOARD

City of Prescott Acker Trust Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 29, 2021
3:30 p.m.

Grace Sparkes Activity
824 E. Gurley St
Prescott, Arizona
(928) 777-1122

Minutes of the Acker Trust Board Meeting held on April 29, 2021 held at the Grace Sparkes Activity Center located at 824 E. Gurley Street, Prescott, Arizona.

A. Call to Order

Chairwoman Linda Nichols called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Parks and Recreation Board Members and Liaisons

Present

Excused/Absent

Linda Nichols
Sherri Hanna
Michael Gjede
Jon Berry
Hayle Knight

Council Liaison

Kathy Rusing

Staff Present

Staff Liaison, Samara Rice
Recreation Services Director, Joe Baynes

C. Approval of May 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Linda verified that the minutes had all been read and made asked for a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of May 28, 2020 as written. Motion approved by Michael Gjede, second by Sherri Hanna. Motion passed unanimously.

D. FY2022 Grant Application Presentations

- a. Katherine Shields, along with Henry Flurry presented for **Chaparral Arts**. Chaparral Arts has been serving the Prescott areas since 2007 supporting the performing arts through public performances, artistic education and collaboration within Arizona communities. They expanded in 2010 with Chamber Music Workshops. They have collaborated with other organizations such as the Percussion Academy students for Tsunami on the Square. In 2019 they partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of Prescott and the Jim & Linda Lee Planetarium of

ERAU. Chaparral Arts Music Workshop and Arizona Philharmonic workshops are to give students a chance to work with professional musicians. About over 300 Prescott school children will be served. Katherine discussed the Arizona Philharmonics "Critters, Constellations and Composition." Children are able to learn about animals, music and the stars and learn to compose music with all of the elements. Linda asked how the children are selected and the response was through STEAM Class.

Chaparral Arts is seeking funding for scholarships for the 2022 Chaparral Music Workshop and for Arizona Philharmonic Workshops. The workshops will take place at Taylor Hicks, Granite Mountain and Lincoln. They are requesting funds in the amount of \$1075 for the Chaparral Chamber Music Workshop scholarships and \$9000 for the Arizona Philharmonic workshops

- b. **One Stage Family Theatre** request was presented by Tamee Niekamp and Shana Lujan. They gave a brief summary of One Stage history. They are community musical theatre in Prescott, Az. They are dedicated to putting on amazing shows, and sharing the love and passion for performing with children and adults alike! They started 5 years ago after seeing a need for theatre/musical theatre to primarily serve children in the community. There have had over 30 musicals performed allowing many youth in the community to learn new skills and to perform or participate in one form or another. Their founding philosophy is – offer to everyone and accept everyone in one capacity or another. All youth that audition are able to be a part of the show. They serve all of Yavapai County. Auditions and rehearsals are generally held at Lessons By Lexie at the Prescott Gateway Mall. There are many musicals anticipated. Disney's Moana Jr. will be showing May 27-28. Disney's Newsies was streamed online due to COVID but still allowing the children to learn and perform. Disney's Descendants is part of the Kids Summer Theatre Program and auditions are June 6th, 2021. Hayle Knight inquired as to how the community is able to find out about what is available and what the cost was to the children. Shana explained everything is visible on the One Stage Family Theatre website and you can follow on Facebook as well. The fee is a \$35 fee for scripts, costumes etc, and there is a family discounted rate. Jon Berry asked, "what is the biggest impact from the last five year." Shana expressed the positive impact on the children's self esteem and the fact that kids need this outlet to help them grow and it promotes a family connection. Mike asked if any participants aged out and went on to pursue the arts. Shana discussed a very activate participant who is currently pursuing a college degree in the Arts. One Stage Family Theatre's grant amount request is for \$5000. This will go to production costs, musical directors, set costs and fees associated with performances.
- c. **Prescott YMCA of Yavapai County** request was presented by Marsha Hollaway. Marsha discussed the two YMCA playgrounds and their desire to purchase a Musical Garden and shade structure for the Preschool playground. The safety of the old playground equipment is a concern and they want to remove it and put in more age appropriate equipment and promote more educational outdoor play. The preschool serves 50 children between the ages of 2-5 per day. The addition of the Musical Garden would allow up to 23 children to participate and learn about music. Hayle asked if the playground would be open to the public and Marsha stated that the playground is only accessible to the children in the program. The YMCA is supported by memberships, program fess and contributions. They are open to everyone and have scholarship programs for families unable to afford regular fees.

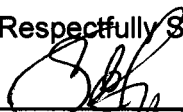
E. Review and vote on Yavapai College Performing Arts – Digital version of “Curtain Up” for FY21 awarded grant.

Yavapai College Performing Arts requested their FY21 award be utilized for a digital version of their performance of “Curtain Up” based on COVID restrictions not permitting their intended performance. Motion to approve made by Mike Gjede, seconded by Jon Berry. This request was approved by a unanimous vote.

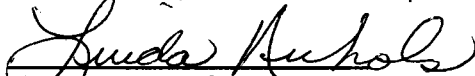
Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Nichols adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Samara Rice, Administrative Specialist



Linda Nichols, Chairwoman

Date: 5/14/21