



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT ACKER TRUST BOARD

City of Prescott Acker Trust Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 30, 2020
3:00 p.m.

Virtual Zoom Meeting
824 E. Gurley St
Prescott, Arizona
(928) 777-1122

Minutes of the Acker Trust Board Meeting held on April 30, 2020, held as a Virtual Zoom Meeting, located at 824 E. Gurley Street, Prescott, Arizona.

A. Call to Order

Chairwoman Linda Nichols called the meeting to order at 3:06 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

Councilwoman Cathy Rusing

Staff Present

Staff Liaison, Samara Rice
Recreation Services Director, Joe Baynes

C. Swearing in new members – Michelle Shaw, Assistant City Clerk swore in both Hayle Knight and Jon Berry as new members to the Acker Trust Board.

D. Approval of June 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Linda verified that the minutes had all been read and made the **MOTION** to approve the minutes of May 17, 2018 as written. Motion passed unanimously.

E. FY2020 Grant Application Presentations

- a. **Linda Nichols** gave a brief update of the process, as there are new members, new chair, and all new to ZOOM. Call for applications went out end of 2019 and applications are received the beginning of March and the presentation meeting usually the end of March. The next meeting there will be a ranking of what is seen in the applications and what is heard.

- b. **Prescott YMCA of Yavapai County** request was presented by Marsha Hollaway. Marsha discussed the current needs of the two YMCA playgrounds. Although the programs are innovative and current the playgrounds are not. They need major renovations to keep maintaining the health and safety of the children. Other than sand and paint the playgrounds have not been renovated in almost 20 years. Playground renovation project is divided into two phases, first phase is the after school playground because the need is more urgent. Beginning April 10th there were two huge trees that had to be removed for safety reasons. In the process all the shade was removed. Working on tilling sand, retaining wall, stairs, new equipment that is no longer safe and putting up a shade structure. Phase two is removing an age inappropriate piece of equipment from the other playground and repairing it and moving it to the other. Then the sand will need to be tilled and replaced, equipment resurfaced. The request is for new equipment in the amount of \$25,000 and the shade structure over the new equipment. The equipment is called "The Musical Garden," that will be going in the pre-school area. In order to be in compliance with the AZ Dermatology the need for the shade structure surface is to be 94 UVB protectant. The preschool serves 50 children between the ages of 2-5. The addition of the Musical Garden would allow up to 23 children to participate and learn about music. Sherri Hanna inquired how much the Musical Garden piece itself going to cost, and Marsha responded by saying that the cost \$9,652 and the shade structure will be over \$11,000. Sherri asked if there will be an actual music teacher to instruct the children, and she also asked what particular musical instruments will be on the YMCA piece. Marsha said they hope to have drums, horns, and other items that they hope to have the preschool teachers instructing as well as recruiting volunteers and possibly local music teachers from the schools. Sherri asked how this may work with the COVID, will things be sanitized, what plan is in place. Marsha clarified that since the re-open on March 30th they are already in sanitation mode with COVID-19 procedures in place. Mike Gjede inquired about the time frame. Marsha said they are already working on the after school, tree's coming down. Eagle Scouts have come forward and are helping currently. Musical Garden and Shade Structure are likely to begin in October. Council Woman Rusing thanked Marsha and the YMCA team for stepping up and taking care of the community by staying open.
- c. Katherine Shields presented for **Chaparral Arts**. Has been serving the Prescott areas since 2008. Currently two programs running. Chaparral Chamber Music Workshop – Katherine is the director. 7th grade through high school and adults. Arizona Philharmonic. This grant is being requested for the Arizona Philharmonic chamber concerts in Prescott Schools. Involves improv workshops with Jonathan Best and a small group of musicians and collaboration concerts with students in the schools. Concerts in several other schools without the workshop, just Jonathan Best and group of musicians from the Arizona Philharmonic. She first spoke of the 25-30 attendees that attend the Chamber Music Workshops. It is a weekend event most recently held at Mountain Oaks School. There are adult learners groups as well as community music groups. Arizona Philharmonic, Jonathan Best and 5 other musicians going into the schools working with 3rd graders and 6th graders in smaller groups. Prescott School District is very pleased about this. Last year they worked with about 300 students. This year the focus is on improvisation. There are nine classrooms involved, spend two sessions with each class on improvisation. The only students participating are under the age of 18 and reside in Prescott. In her workshop, Acker Scholarships are only given to those youth. Linda asked the total students that are able to participate, and Katherine responded with 3,922. Sherri asked if Charter Schools were able to participate. Katherine stated that Mountain Oak is the venue for Chaparral Music

Workshops, the students do not participate it's only PUSD students. Hayle Knight asked how it is determined as to which schools get concerts and which get workshops. Katherine stated that it had already been determined. The workshops will take place at Taylor Hicks, Granite Mountain and Lincoln and she was unclear where the concerts were going to be. Council Woman Rusing thanked her for bringing this enrichment program to the students. Linda asked if the participants paid a fee to attend the concerts, and it was clarified that they are in school concerts and no fee is charged. Jon Berry asked if there is an appetite to allow the homeschooler's to participate? Katherine thought there would be no reason they could not add another program with additional funding. Jon wonders if it isn't possible for the homeschoolers to tie into a program within a district they live in. Joe Baynes suggested that Katherine reach out to PUSD. He stated that part of the Acker Trust is to provide music to kids in Prescott, homeschooled, as well as charter schools, etc to see if they might willingly incorporate them in to the programs. Joe asked that Katherine follow up with an addendum via an email to sam.rice@prescott-az.gov. Katherine stated that anyone can apply and attend her workshops. Hayle mentioned that PUSD has always been amazing about letting homeschooled children join in if seating is available as her children are homeschooled.

- d. Craig Ralston presented on behalf of the **Yavapai College Performing Arts**. He began by stating that Yavapai County Performing Arts exists to enrich and educate our community in the arts. Part of that is a program called "Curtain-Up." Started the formal program about 4 years ago. Want to give the opportunity to every student in the community to come. Do not want to charge the students. If they did it would approx \$7 per student to attend. So instead of that they apply for grants, seek funding from sponsors and use the funds for children to attend. Usually raise about 60% of the funds. The college is very active in the process. See about 13,000 students attending the eight shows per year. The teachers love the programs. There are study guides go along with the programs. Last year bookings opened in July and within two weeks the shows were sold out. Hayle Knight asked if they still anticipate putting on the 8 shows with the current situation of COVID 19. In the programming world they are waiting until October and going through May. They are putting safety measures in place currently and waiting for further direction.
- e. **Yavapai Symphony Association's** request was presented by Neil Manzaburger, chair of the Master Class Program for the Yavapai Symphony Association. Celebrating 53 anniversary as a non-profit corporation founded in 1967 with a mission to provide a high quality classical music performances and develop, promote and enhance music appreciation in the county. Neil explained that they provide a classical music program for youth. Winter/Spring 20/21. This outreach will bring 13 phoenix symphony musicians to middle and high schools in the Prescott area and they conduct classes. To date over 77,000 youth have participated in the master classes to date. Past January 209 students in PHS, GMMS and Mile – High Middle schools. Budget for this program is \$8500 of which they are applying for \$3000 from the Acker Trust to pay for five musicians from the symphony, which pays their fees and hotel rooms. Classical music and students is the reason the program was formed.

Linda Nichols asked if homeschooled and charter students are included in this program. Neil stated that they have worked with PUSD and charter schools. Hayle mentioned her homeschooled children have participated. She also stated PUSD is always welcoming homeschooled children.

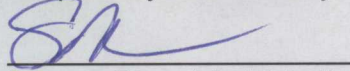
F. Financial Review

Budget and Finance Director Mark Woodfill presented to the Board regarding available funds, investment options and anticipated future interest rates. This year Mark included what happened last fiscal year. The board gave direction last year to purchase a 3-year treasury bond so that they would have some level of expected funding that they would be able to have. The bond was purchased after the meeting last year. 2.25% brought in \$11,250. Two grants paid out so far, Chaparral Music Festival and Yavapai Symphony Association.

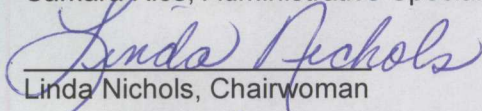
Adjournment

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