

Corrales Performing Arts Center Committee Meeting

Minutes

July 11, 2022

Prior to the official beginning our committee meeting, Barbara Boyd, Treasurer of the Adobe Theater and an advisor to the PAC committee, arranged for the committee and its other advisors to take a “behind the scenes” tour of The Adobe Theater. The tour was conducted by Georgia Athearn. Georgia apparently is a critical “do anything” person who directs plays for the Adobe Theater among many other things. Our committee learned:

- The Adobe Theater is 3,000 square feet that seats 94. The facility includes an auxiliary building which is an approximately 2,000 square foot casa and single car garage. The house is used for rehearsals as well as storage for props, costumes, furniture etc. The garage is used for construction of sets.
- The theater pays \$4,000 per month in rent.
- Barbara and Georgia believe they have three more years to occupy the current theater facilities before needing to relocate.
- When the Adobe Theater does have to relocate, it will bring with it theater seats, valued at \$80,000, lighting controls and a sound board valued at \$20,000.
- When walking behind the set area, the width of the path was four feet. That was a bit tight. In planning for a new theater, a five foot wide walk through would be much better.
- The building contained two very small private dressing rooms and a larger dressing area.
- There were two ADA compliant bathrooms, one men’s and the other women’s, used by both actors and the audience.
- The theater produces eight shows per year.
- Ceiling height in the theater was approximately thirteen feet. A ceiling of sixteen to eighteen feet would be much better.
- The garage contained some wood, two benches, and two power saws. Additional wood was stored elsewhere on the property.
- The reception area/lobby contained a refreshment stand and some display areas. At the conclusion of the tour, a regular meeting of the PAC committee and advisors convened in the casa.

I. Call to order: 10:50 a.m.

Appointed Committee Members present: James Wright, Jon Young, John Schumann, Linda Parker, Ken Duckert.

Advisors Present: Barbara Boyd, Jim Kruger, Angela Guterrez.

Others Present: Sandy Rasmussen, representing the Arts District and former executive director of Mainstreet

Village Staff and Leadership Present: None

II. Approval of Minutes from June 6 and June 20 Meetings: There were not enough committee members present to approve or not approve the June 6 Committee Meeting Minutes. The approval of those minutes is still in abeyance until the next committee meeting. A quorum of committee members was present to approve the minutes from the June 20 PAC meeting. On a motion by Linda Parker, seconded by Jim Wright, the minutes of the June 20 Corrales Performing Arts Center Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

III. Discussions: Following are highlights of matters discussed during this meeting.

- Chairman Jim Wright advised the committee that he met with Mayor Fahey.
 - A September 27, 2022 date has been set for the Corrales PAC Committee to present its findings to the Village Council. It is anticipated that the council will either give an approval of the proposed plans for a Performing Arts Center or ask for changes.
 - Mayor Fahey once again emphasized that the Village has no money for the performing arts center at this time. The first priority is removal of the Jones House from the future site of the Performing Arts Center. The next Village Priority is to expand the rec center.
 - As part of the discussion about Village capital priorities and funding, Jim Krueger, former president of the Corrales Art Center and president of Mainstreet, shared that an agreement had been reached to have Mainstreet, a 501 (c) (3) organization act as a fiscal agent to expeditiously raise initial money kick start preliminary performance arts center work. Ultimately the performing arts center will want to establish itself as a qualified not-for-profit organization.

- Bonnie Gonzales has tendered her resignation from the committee via text to Chairman Wright. After discussion among board members and advisors, Chairman Wright was asked to offer Barbara Boyd, Treasurer of the Adobe Theater, as a replacement committee member.
- Chairman Wright asked each committee member to think about and present at the next meeting their ideas for Vision and Mission Statements for the performing arts center. John Schumann prepared and circulated a side-by-side comparison of various performing arts centers in Colorado, Texas, and New Mexico. In that comparison were the vision statements of the organizations surveyed. Those statements could be used as guidance for creating each person's vision statement. Each committee member was asked to submit their vision and mission statements to Jim Wright and John Schumann prior to the next committee meeting.
- Chairman Wright acknowledged a spreadsheet prepared by John Schumann comparing the "wish lists" of three Corrales arts organizations; Corrales Cultural Arts Council, Corrales Society of Artists, and Corrales Arts Center. Chairman Wright asked all committee members to focus on the wish lists. Our committee will need to develop a list of wishes of its own in order to finalize facility uses, formulate vision and mission statements and name the center.

IV. Adjournment: On a motion by Jim Wright, seconded by John Schumann, the meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting date is 10:00 a.m. on July 18 at the Village Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Schumann, Recording Secretary