League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Arts Commission Date: September 8, 2015

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Business pertaining to League program or topic of interest:

The Arts Commission is starting a new year. There are 2 board vacancies to be filled. The mayor had received one application; PAC commissioners voted for approval and it will be sent to the mayor. It wasn't clear how the vacancies are being advertised but applications have to be approved by the Mayor and City Council.

Parks and Rec continues improvements to Mary's Park near Johnson Road. On the property is a small house that could be made into an "Art Center" (?)

Other Public Art suggestions: Murals on buildings along the trail on N Grand Ave; that may need approval by the City Council

Observations about the participants, conduct, procedures, subjects of discussion, etc. of the meeting:

PAC Chair Jennifer Harbor proposed a new organizational model for the coming year to decentralize the responsibilities and have all members assume specific duties. All commissioners agreed during a positive discussion of the proposal. Members also had suggestions to fill the current and future vacancies; new commissioners and prospective volunteers will have to have a background check.

The PAC will develop a strategic plan for the future and a timeline of the events for the coming year. The date for the 2016 Art Walk will be May 14, 2016 and it will be submitted for approval to the mayor.

There was some discussion about fundraising events and new banners along Main Street for Art Walk.

Reminders

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- 1. To inform local League members about community issues and to promote public interest in local government.
- 2: To alert the League Board to upcoming agenda items on which we have program positions on which we can speak.
- 3. To identify areas for future LWV study and action.

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