

Grant helps Crossroads offer summer youth classes

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Statewide support is helping Crossroads Carnegie Art Center provide programming to boost local students during summer break.

The financial support is from the K-12 Summer Program Fund from the Oregon Community Foundation.

The award totaled \$69,000.

Ginger Savage, executive director of Crossroads, said the funding will help the art center expand the “opportunity for children to access arts programming this summer to build back lost skills, to socially re-engage and start being creative with classes and programs.”

Music

Crossroads is working with local musicians and music teachers to offer private music instruction for students in grades 5 to 12.

“The goal is to help students make up the lost ground from the challenges of trying to become a better musician during the pandemic,” Savage said. “For many students virtual instruction, safety procedures to prevent the spread of droplets, or delays in internet speed all challenged young people to become more proficient in music.”

The following instructors will be providing music lessons this summer for students:

- Russ Carpenter — wood-

wind instruments

- Duncan Titus — brass instruments

- Dylan Francesconi — guitar, saxophone, drums

- Paul McNeil — cello

- Mark Emerson — drums, percussion, marching snare/quads

- Allison Swenson Mitchell — voice

The fee for these private classes are \$35 for 30 minutes or \$45 for an hour. Lessons are held in the band or choir room at Baker High School.

Savage said the grant included additional support to the Hand to Heart Scholarship fund. The scholarship form is available on the Crossroads website. Savage said

students are encouraged to purchase a student membership at \$18 for a year and to contribute 10% toward their lessons.

Those interested in music lessons can call Crossroads to complete the paperwork, then schedule appointments with the instructors.

“Other instruments may be available as we continue to recruit instructors,” Savage said.

Interested instructors are invited to call Crossroads at 541-523-5369.

Savage said the art center is searching for additional instruments that can either be sold or loaned for these lessons. Anyone willing to help in

this regard can call Crossroads at 541-523-5369.

She said the center can also facilitate purchasing an instrument if community members want to donate to support this music program.

The OCF grant is helping in other aspects of the art center, too.

The funds allowed Crossroads to waive all supply fees for summer classes.

In addition, Crossroads is able to hire classroom assistants this summer to help during classes. These assistants will do the medical checks still required by Oregon Health Authority, will assist instructors, will take students outside for mask and

water breaks, and clean up programs.

Savage said the grant will also support a “reboot” to the ArtSpeak program started by Debbie Friedman in the 1980s.

“This strategic planning process will allow Crossroads to be prepared to get students back in as many programs as possible during the school year,” Savage said.

Summer classes

Crossroads distributed a summer class schedule at the end of May, but more have been added for the coming months. Check out class offerings online at www.crossroads-arts.org.

COUNCIL

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Cannon didn't cite any specific instances of interruption.

During the council's April 27 meeting, former councilor Beverly Calder stood in protest when Mayor Kerry McQuisten declined to let Calder speak during a discussion about the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I reviewed these two sections in Resolution 3882 to clearly indicate the citizens have the opportunity to participate in the council meeting,” Cannon said on Tuesday. “Our citizens are not at liberty to speak out of turn, though, nor interrupt the meeting thus preventing council from fulfilling its obligations of conducting the business of the city.”

Councilors Lynette Perry and Heather Sells were absent Tuesday.

Citizens have the opportunity at the beginning of meetings to sign up and speak about any topic they desire, Cannon said.

They can also speak at the beginning of the discussion of any agenda item. These opportunities have time limits to ensure efficiency at the meeting.

“Sometimes citizens make requests to actually be an agenda item using

the council-approved process for being added to the agenda,” Cannon said. “When this occurs, citizens are permitted additional time and opportunities to discuss with the council that particular agenda item. This is in addition to the citizen participation allowed at the beginning of each agenda item and at the beginning of the meeting.”

Cannon said the council rules state that the presiding officer — the mayor or acting mayor — is “responsible for and shall preserve decorum at council meetings between council members as well as from the public.”

“Unauthorized remarks from the audience, stamping of feet, whistles, yells, and similar demonstrations are not permitted,” Cannon said.

Cannon said, according to Resolution 3882, any person who refuses to abide by the rules of conduct, and, in the judgment of the presiding officer the meeting cannot be conducted effectively and efficiently in the presence of the offending person, the presiding officer shall inform the person they are in violation of the resolution and be directed to leave the council chambers.



Cannon

Cannon said if the person does not leave, the presiding officer will inform the person that failure to leave may result in criminal charges of trespassing and that if necessary, the person will be arrested and removed by law enforcement.

He emphasized that that action is a last resort.

“I do not believe that any of us would relish the opportunity to arrest and forcibly remove someone from the city meeting,” Cannon said. “I personally do not desire to be part of police trespassing somebody from city hall. Even so, if the presiding officer is unable to conduct the meeting because of the interruptions, I am prepared, as well as our sergeant in arms is prepared, to do just that.”

None of the councilors had any comments about Cannon's discussion of Resolution 3882. The text is available on the city's website, www.bakercity.com

Street paving request

In other business Tuesday, councilors discussed a request from residents in southwest Baker City to pave a section of Indiana Avenue west of Reservoir Road.

Gary McManus, chairman of a homeowners association in the neigh-

borhood, and Chuck Peterson, the association's treasurer, said they were requesting the city return the road to the way it had been before it had been torn up.

McManus initially made the request in a March 26 letter to McQuisten. The homeowners association includes 10 lots and eight homes near the city's water reservoir, west of the intersection of Reservoir Road and Indiana Avenue.

In his letter to the mayor, McManus wrote that this short section of street “used to be paved but gradually deteriorated over the years. Pot holes developed and were never filled in properly till they finally became very large.”

McManus wrote that members of the homeowners association “would appreciate it if Baker City would pave this short section of the west end of Indiana Avenue.”

In a staff report to councilors for their May 25 meeting, Michelle Owen, the city's public works director, wrote that when the city approved Scenic Vista subdivision about 20 years ago, the city allowed the developer to chip seal rather than pave the approximately 480-foot-long section of Indiana Avenue

The chip seal, Owen wrote, “did not hold up very well over time.”

Rather than leave the street as it was, the city converted it back to a gravel street and has paid to apply dust treatment the past couple years, Owen wrote.

Councilors did not make any decision on the matter Tuesday.

They directed Owen to contact homeowners in the area to see if they are interested in forming a Local Improvement District (LID) to pay to pave the street.

“In order to form an LID, you need 33.34% of the property owners to agree to participate before the council can form an LID,” Owen said.

In her May report to councilors, Owen suggested two paving options. One is to build the approximately 480-foot section of street to fully city standards, including base rock, for a rough estimate of \$210,000. The second option is to apply two layers of asphalt, of two inches each, atop the existing gravel street, for an estimated cost of \$50,000.

Also on Tuesday, councilors:

- Voted 5-0 to appoint Elizabeth Hardy to the Historic District Design Review Commission (HDDRC).
- Voted 5-0 to approve the budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1.

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