



Idaho Falls Civic Center for the Performing Arts Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Idaho Falls Civic Center for the Performing Arts Committee of the City of Idaho Falls met in a special committee meeting, Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at the Municipal Services Director's Office, 308 Constitution Avenue, Idaho Falls, Idaho at 2:00 p.m. and held remotely via Webex.

In Attendance:

Arthur Kull, Idaho Falls Civic Center for the Performing Arts Committee Member
Carrie Scheid, Idaho Falls Civic Center for the Performing Arts Committee Member
Bonnee Taggart, Idaho Falls Civic Center for the Performing Arts Committee Member

Others Present:

Jim Freeman, City Council
Pam Alexander, Municipal Services Director
Chandra Witt, General Services Administrator
Ed Morgan, Civic Center for the Performing Arts Manager
Krista McKellip, General Services Office Assistant

Absent:

Anne Staton-Voilleque, Idaho Falls Civic Center for the Performing Arts Committee Member
Deidre Warden, Idaho Falls Civic Center for the Performing Arts Committee Member

The meeting was called to order by Chair Arthur Kull at 2:02 p.m.

Confirmation of Committee Assignments:

- After a brief discussion, Bonnee Taggart motioned for the committee assignments to remain the same as before. Carrie Scheid seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- None.

Review and Update on COVID-19 protocols for the Civic:

- Ed Morgan provided an update on the COVID-19 protocols. Current restrictions only allow 10 people in the building at a time. School age children are different. There have been a few programs that have utilized the building to record performances. There was a brief discussion regarding current bills in the legislature that will hopefully remove the 10 people restriction. If the restriction goes back to 6 foot spacing then approximately 600 people can be seated in the audience.
- Chandra Witt provided information on the foggers purchased by the City that utilize the industrial type sanitizer. These machines can be used in instances where more than one group is needing to utilize the Civic within a 24 hours period. At this time, there will be no additional charge to patrons for the use of the foggers.



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Review Upcoming Tentative Schedule at the Civic:

- Ed Morgan advised that the tentative schedule going forward is that the Symphony will utilize the building to record some performances and will be under the current 10 people restriction. There are a few shows that have holds and are waiting for the rollback on restrictions to where they can have an audience before they move forward with their show. These are tentatively scheduled for May 2021.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the financial position of the Civic. Pam Alexander advised that the Civic is holding steady on the operations budget, but down in revenue as there haven't been any shows.
- Chandra Witt advised that there are only 2 pods of old seats left. After the pandemic subsides and things open up, we are hoping to sell the remainder of the old seats.

Discuss Future Renovations:

- Carrie Scheid indicated that she had heard that there has been push back from City Council members not wanting to put more money into the Civic renovation, and she requested what the City's position is on that. Pam Alexander provided an update. There is currently a draft request for qualifications "RFQ" that is waiting for the right time to be sent off, as we were waiting for the "RFQ" for the Police complex to go through. Pam advised that she spoke with Terri Frickey a few months ago, and advised that the money for the renovations was still available. Pam also advised that due to COVID, the City had to make significant budget reductions to the general fund in anticipation of not being able to receive revenue. Currently in this fiscal year's budget there is \$200,000 for the renovation. \$100,000 from the Maeck Foundation, and \$100,000 from the City's match. The \$200,000 should cover the conceptual design and drawings for both the front and back of the house, which would give the City something to then take for fundraising. The engineering and construction would come once additional funding is provided. Pam advised that she wanted some kind of commitment from City Council before proceeding with the next phases. Jim Freeman advised that he did not feel that Civic funding has been discussed by the City Council. He advised that it has not been on their radar. He suspects that the renovations will be supported, but he cannot provide a definitive answer. Pam advised that she would reach out to Terri Frickey and update her on the current position.

Future Meeting Schedule:

- After a brief discussion, it was decided that a meeting will be set the first part of March 2021, unless something changes and a meeting needs to be held sooner.

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.


Krista McKellip - Secretary


Arthur Kull - Chair