



**CITY OF ALBANY
ARTS COMMISSION
Calapooia Room, City Hall
Tuesday, October 13, 2009
3:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Commission members present: Lynn Whitacre, Marsha Meidinger, Glenda Fleming, Terry Poe, Michael Moore, Susan Whitacre

Commission members absent: Ellen Hamill

Staff present: Joy Gilliland, Recreation Coordinator; Tari Hayes, Administrative Assistant

Guests present: Oscar Hult, Billie Moore

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER, 2009

The minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting were approved with corrections.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Billie Moore, member of Albany Painting Enthusiasts (APES), presented a proposal for holding an Albany juried art exhibit at the LaSells Stewart Center in May 2010, and the group would like the support of the Art Commission. APES would like the City to consider purchasing the "People's Choice" award and will approach the Council for funding. The Commission has discussed the exhibit in prior meetings and today voted unanimously to support the exhibit. The Commission will assist with mailing out the call-to-artists letter. More information on other ways the Commission can assist to come.

a. Meet with Oscar Hult, Executive Director, Albany Downtown Association

The Commission met with Oscar Hult, Executive Director, Albany Downtown Association (ADA), to discuss possible partnerships. An idea to hold something similar to Art on the Rogue, a celebration in southern Oregon, was discussed. This type of event could possibly be held in conjunction with Crazy Days in downtown Albany. The Commission would like to see sidewalk chalk art in the streets for this event. The Commission could sell blank artist spaces to businesses, artists and groups. Money raised would go to support Art Commission activities like prizes for the Teen Art Show. The art could be concentrated in one space in the festival. Poe volunteered to do more research on the Art on the Rogue, particularly who provides the chalk, how prizes are awarded and how it is marketed.

The Commission discussed other downtown events with Hult. There are many events going on in the city that the Commission could participate in. The Albany Visitors Association (AVA) has the most comprehensive calendar of events and Gilliland will provide a copy at the November meeting. The group discussed holding a downtown art walk and an artist reception. They discussed adding an art

display to the Wine Walk, possibly in the Flinn building. The group also discussed having a fine art event in downtown. Some felt Albany couldn't support one, others thought it could. More discussion is needed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Poe will report back to the Commission in November on Art on the Rogue
- Gilliland will provide the Commission with a copy of the 2010 AVA calendar at the November meeting.

4. ACTION ITEMS

b. Artist Reception at Library, November 15, 2009

Ed Hodney, Joy Gilliland, Lynn Whitacre are planning to meet on Thursday, October 15 to discuss the reception for the artwork for the new library. All Commission members are invited to attend; Gilliland will send a meeting invitation once a time and location are determined.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Gilliland will secure a meeting room at the library and send an invitation to the Commission as well as Ed Gallagher, Library Director, and Kathy Grosso, Library Admin Assistant.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Teen Art

The Commission reviewed the cover letter and flyer for the 2010 Teen Art Show. They will bring edits of the letter to the November Commission meeting. They liked the flyer but would like to replace the examples with pictures of entries from prior years. Gilliland will work with the City's Graphic Specialist to locate pictures and update flyer.

The Commission thought it would be a good idea to speak at local service club meetings to garner support for the show and possible prize contributions. Sponsor and call-to-artists letters and flyers will go out in late December. Final date information is still to be determined. In the meantime, the Commission would like a generic version of the flyer placed in the winter edition of the brochure. The Commission would like to add a photo release to the submission form and review a draft prior to the November Commission meeting and bring their edits back in November.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Gilliland will provide an updated flyer at the November Commission meeting.
- Gilliland will provide an updated submission form to the Commission prior to the November meeting.
- Gilliland will work with Poe to provide a list of past winners for the different categories in the event that not enough pictures of past winners are found. Perhaps Poe can visit with past winners and take shots of their artwork.

b. City Hall Art Exhibits

Hayes and Gilliland will work with Hamill to obtain contact information for City Hall artists and provide the Commission with an updated spreadsheet in November.

c. Art on the Rogue

Discussed in Business from the Public above

d. Donation of Art Work from the Tripps

The Tripp family has donated historic artwork to the City. It's the Commissions duty to accept or reject donated artwork, as well as determine where to display the work and for how long. The Commission will view the artwork in November and decide what to do with it then.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Gilliland will bring the artwork to the November Commission meeting.

6. REPORTS AND UPDATES - none

7. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

a. Agenda Build for Next Meeting

The following items will be placed in the discussion section of future agendas until they are acted upon (move to Action Item) and completed:

- Teen Art
- City Hall art exhibits
- Art on the Rogue
- Participation in Albany events

Additional agenda item(s):

- Fundraising possibilities with left over marble pieces from the library sculpture.
- Tripp artwork donation

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 10, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the Calapooia Room in City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file

Tari Hayes, Administrative Assistant, Albany Parks & Recreation