



**CITY OF ALBANY
ARTS COMMISSION
Calapooia Room, Albany City Hall
Tuesday, March 10, 2015
3:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Commission members present: Melissa Babcock Saylor (Chair), Linda Herd, Rinee Merritt, Scott Lawley, Chuck Leland, Lynn Whitacre

Commission members absent: None

Staff present: Ed Hodney, Parks & Recreation Director; Kandice Easdale, Clerk II; Marilyn Smith, Management Assistant/Public Information Officer

Guest present: Jane Donovan

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Linda Herd moved to approve the February 10, 2015 minutes as presented. Scott Lawley seconded the motion, and it **passed** 6-0.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

4. ACTION ITEMS

a. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The offices open are Chair and Vice-Chair.

Merritt nominated Herd for Chair, and Leland for Vice-Chair. Lawley seconded the nomination.

Vote: 6-0 vote for Herd as Chair and Leland as Vice-Chair.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Facebook, Social Media Policy

Merritt had raised the questions regarding creating a separate Facebook page for the Arts Commission.

Smith presented information regarding the City's social media policy, Facebook pages, and state of Oregon Public Records retention law. Hodney distributed copies of the City policy. Smith noted that information and activities from the Arts Commission could be posted on the Parks & Recreation page. Any information the Commission would like to post on the Parks & Recreation page can be sent to Debbie Little. Brief discussion followed.

b. Retreat

The retreat will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, 3:30 – 7:00p.m. Location- John Boock's loft on 1st Avenue.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ed will send out an e-mail soliciting agenda items and possible invitees.

c. 1% for Art Ordinance Relating to New Police & Fire Stations

Hodney distributed a copy of the 1% for Art Ordinance, and briefly reviewed it. He further noted the Council will be further reviewing this issue, as a majority of the space in the new police and fire station buildings will not be accessible to the public. The ordinance is very specific regarding the 1% of total project cost being utilized for the purchase of art work. Herd suggested the Arts Commission formulate a statement to the Council regarding amending or adding an addendum to the current ordinance. Hodney noted the Council will be taking the issue up in a work session soon, and the bond measure election is coming up in May 2015. Brief discussion followed.

Questions:

1. What is the original intent of the ordinance?
2. What are other Cities doing with their policies/best practices?
3. 1% of total project cost applied to public accessible space vs. private space?
4. Amend ordinance to allow proceeds to be spent in the community (public art plan), not necessarily the project site?

6. EXHIBITS

None

Schedule

March – Joseph Stitts will continue

April – Arts Commissioners and staff

May - Mio Streitberger

June – Molly Perry

July – Sharon Prenoveau

August – Open

September – Philomath Open Studios

October – Michael and Billie Moore

November or December will be a fly fishing exhibition, including Bill Marshall and Rinee Merritt. Herd suggested holding a reception for this exhibit.

7. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

Lawley is in the process of exploring the suggestion from the previous meeting for display of musical instruments, maybe a performance. He plans to meet with Warren Chism, who makes violins, to see if he is interested in participating in the exhibition in some fashion. Brief discussion followed.

Jane Donovan's application is scheduled at the next City Council meeting for appointment to the commission.

Jane noted she is on the board for the Midsummer Arts Festival, and would like to see how increase the level of involvement or partnership with the City. Melissa is exploring the idea of holding a "Paint Out", and commented the festival may be time and place to have the activity.

Melissa asked if the artist for the Northwest Art & Air Festival has been selected. Ed suggested she contact Katie Nooshazar, Recreation Manager.

Rinee attend the Buckman Art Show & Sell, and came away with some interesting handmade directories to various attractions like art exhibits or museums. She noted that something like it would be nice for Albany. Ed suggested discussing it further at the retreat.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 14, 2015 in the Calapooia Room in City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file

Kandice Easdale, Clerk II, Albany Parks & Recreation