



**CITY OF ALBANY  
ARTS COMMISSION  
Calapooia Room, Albany City Hall  
Tuesday, April 14, 2015  
3:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Commission members present: Melissa Babcock Saylor (Chair), Linda Herd, Rinee Merritt, Scott Lawley, Chuck Leland, Jane Donovan (arrived 4:00)

Commission members absent: Lynn Whitacre (excused)

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

Guest present: Cynthia Spencer, Executive Director Corvallis Arts Center

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Melissa Babcock Saylor moved to approve the March 10, 2015 minutes as presented. Chuck Leland seconded the motion, and it **passed** 5-0.

**3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The Corvallis Arts and Culture Advisory Board are in the process of regrouping, and are currently reviewing their mission and goals. Cynthia was interested in the structure and activities of the Albany Arts Commission. She also thanked the Commission members for attending the Connect event they recently held. Brief discussion followed.

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

None

**5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. Midsummer Arts Festival

Jane briefly reviewed the event which is a free to the public, and is funded in part by the Linn County Cultural Coalition, and sponsorships. The festival is looking to increase the partnership level with Parks & Recreation. Ed noted that he is aware of the request to partner, and is open to exploring options to possibly create a business relationship. He added that Parks & Recreation has very limited resources in addition; the timing of the event is really not conducive for involvement. Brief discussion followed.

b. Doorway's Poster Show/Contest

Melissa thought a show or contest of some kind could work as a fundraiser for the Commission. Her idea consists of painting, drawing, or photographing doorways in Albany. There would be a submission fee and the pieces would be juried to determine a winner. A poster could be made from the winner's piece and sold. Melissa was thinking having the contest the summer of 2016, which would give the Commission time to develop the idea. Brief discussion followed.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Melissa will develop the concept further and bring back to Commission.

c. Retreat

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

Current agenda items:

- 1% for Art Ordinance
- Sculpture program development
- Teen Art Show
- Revisit strategic plan

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Ed will send out notes from previous retreat.

d. Corvallis Arts and Culture Commission Networking Event

Linda and Scott both attended. Linda reviewed the event and activities. Brief discussion followed.

**6. EXHIBITS**

Tim Jaskoski submitted an application to display at City Hall. The Commission reviewed the application and art sample submission.

**MOTION:** Melissa Babcock Saylor moved to accept Tim Jaskoski to display in City Hall. Chuck Leland seconded the motion, and it **passed** 6-0.

Schedule

May - Mio Streitberger

June – Molly Perry

July – Sharon Prenoveau

August – Open

September – Philomath Open Studios

October – Michael and Billie Moore

November – Melissa Babcock Saylor

December will be a fly fishing exhibition, including Bill Marshall and Rinee Merritt. Linda and Rinee will be coordinating a reception for this exhibit.

**7. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Melissa recently completed illustrating a children's book which has been published. It is titled "Detective Punybutmighty", and available for purchase.

Scott is in the process of exploring a display of musical instruments, maybe a performance, or reception. He has reached out to Warren Chism, who makes violins, and he is interested in participating. Brief discussion followed.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Commissioners will brainstorm over e-mail and create a formal concept of the performance, display, or reception.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 12, 2015 in the Calapooia Room in City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Signature on file*

Debbie Little, Administrative Services Coordinator, Albany Parks & Recreation