



**CITY OF ALBANY
ALBANY ARTS COMMISSION
City Hall, Periwinkle Room
Tuesday, October 17, 2006
4:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Commission Members Present: Gwenn Marchese, Acting Chair, Marsha Meidinger, BJ Nicoletti, and Susan Whitacre
Guest: Matt Harrington, Graphic Specialist
Others Present: Theresa Johnson, Staff Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Gwenn Marchese called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the September 12, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.

TEEN ART SHOW

Matt Harrington had asked to speak to the Commission regarding the Teen Art Show flier and application. He wanted to show them a new idea and get a clear understanding of what they wanted and when they needed it. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the new 5 ½" x 17" poster and the accompanying tear off would be used as the initial piece and we would try to get those out in October or November. Commission members would meet with individual teachers to discuss the Show with them and give them the poster with the tear offs. Students will be directed to the website for more information. Commission members will meet with them again and bring them hard copies of the application.

CITY HALL ART EXHIBITS

Bob Gately was not available for the November exhibit, so Theresa Johnson asked if the group would like her to ask Matt Harrington to do the exhibit. It was agreed that she should ask him.

Theresa reported to the Commission that a piece of Kathe Todd-Hooker's art was stolen during the September exhibit. The City's insurance has a \$1,000 deductible and the value of the piece was \$430, therefore it is not covered. This means we will need to pay the artist 85% of the cost or \$365.50 out of our budget. Theresa suggested that we change the language in the "Call to Artists" and on the art exhibit listing to contain a liability waiver making the City and Commission not liable for lost or stolen works. Theresa will bring back some language and information on whether this needs to go through the City Attorney.

Theresa also shared that she had sent out the "Call to Artist" letters and Temporary Exhibit information in early September. So far we have not had any contacts back of interested artists. It was suggested that we review the list and make direct contact with the artists. Theresa will bring the list to the November meeting.

ACCOUNTING OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

Theresa distributed information on the FY 2006/07 budget year for the Albany Arts Commission. It has been projected that the group will bring in \$500 of income and have \$1900 in expenditures. Reimbursement for the stolen art will be taken out of that \$1900.

Theresa also reviewed the 2005/06 budget with the Commission.

1% FOR ART ORDINANCE

Theresa distributed a copy of the 1% For Art Ordinance in order for all the Commission members to have a copy. The ordinance answered the question that was asked at a previous meeting about whether the new City Wastewater Treatment Plant would qualify. It does not qualify.

NATURALLY FUN FIBER SHOW

Theresa updated the Commission on the Fiber Show and asked for the member's assistance. She sent around a sign up sheet.

OTHER

Theresa mentioned that Kathy McLaran had requested to speak to the Commission regarding the rotating art exhibit at the Main Library. She has been organizing it, and will need to resign that responsibility soon. She is tentatively on the agenda for the November meeting. It was asked that Theresa contact the Library to find out more about the details of the exhibit.

Gwenn brought up the possibility that the Takena Kiwanis had some money and maybe they would be willing to donate the money to cover the cost of the prizes for the Teen Art Show. The Commission gladly accepted Gwenn's offer to move forward with the idea.

There was further discussion on the Teen Art Show as to who all should be invited to participate. The idea of middle school age (13+) came up as well as LBCC students (age 19). The discussion went back and forth and offers were made to contact some of the other schools.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2006

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Johnson, Staff Liaison