



**CITY OF ALBANY
ALBANY ARTS COMMISSION
City Hall, Periwinkle Room
Tuesday, March 13, 2007**

MINUTES

Commission Members Present: Gwenn Marchese, Marsha Meidinger, Pat Kight, Susan Whitacre, and B.J. Nicoletti

Others Present: Theresa Johnson and Joy Gilliland, Staff Liaisons

CALL TO ORDER

Gwenn Marchese called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the February meeting were approved unanimously.

NEW VICE-CHAIR FOR ARTS COMMISSION

Laura Hyde had asked Theresa Johnson who the Vice-Chair for the Arts Commission was and it was discovered that the Commission did not have one. Laura said that it is a requirement that Commissions have both a Chair and a Vice-Chair. Gwenn Marchese offered to serve as Vice-Chair. Pat Kight moved that Gwenn be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Albany Arts Commission. B.J. Nicoletti seconded the nomination. No other members were interested in running for the position. The members voted and unanimously elected Gwenn as the Vice-Chair. As the Vice-Chair, Gwenn ran the meeting in Lynn Whitacre's absence.

CITY HALL ART EXHIBITS

Cathy Bengston would like to display her artwork here at city hall. She was unable to submit her sample artwork for review in time for the March meeting. She will turn it in before the April meeting. She is a regular at the Northwest Art & Air Festival. Also, a representative from Samaritan Health Services called interested in having an art display at City Hall done by some of their employees. They will go through the appropriate process if they get their employees organized.

TEEN ART EXHIBIT

The entry deadline is April 20th. Theresa handed out a copy of what is on the web and an application. She asked the Commission to look it over. BJ asked us to send the teachers the application and information electronically. We need to ask Matt to make sure there is a place to put their school information on the application. Pat suggested we make sure we put out a news release for the Teen Art Show. Theresa will call Jimmie to remind him that students will be turning in their artwork to the Albany Visitors Center.

Gwenn will gather the comments/critiques regarding the student artwork that's turned in. She will compile the information to give to the students. BJ will play during the reception which be May 23, 2007 from 6-7p.m. Refreshments will be served. An invitation to the City Council, art teachers, and Al from the Frame House will be sent out. An invitation will also be sent the donor of the monetary awards, Mike Newman.

BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

Theresa explained to the committee how the budget is going. She explained how the Arts Commission funds had been transferred into line items titled Public Arts Revenue and Public Arts Expenditures in the Parks Administration budget. This was done because there was not enough activity in the budget to warrant separate accounts.

NORTHWEST ART & AIR FESTIVAL

The Commission was asked if they wanted to do the Artist Demonstration Area at the festival again this year. BJ thought it was a good idea. Gwenn brought up the idea of having different guilds do the Art Demonstration area. They would each take a couple hours and would have more participation. Everyone liked the idea.

OTHER

Marsha brought up that she would like to see us do a Performing Art Show. BJ was quite interesting in this and wants to make sure we keep it on the table for each meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2007. Craig Carnagey would like to come to our next meeting to discuss getting another display for the lobby. He would like to discuss ideas of where to put the display as well. Matt Harrington will be a part of this conversation as well.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Joy Gilliland, Staff Liaison