



**CITY OF ALBANY  
ARTS COMMISSION  
Periwinkle Room, City Hall  
Tuesday, June 9, 2009  
3:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Commission members present: Lynn Whitacre, Marsha Meidinger, Michael Moore, Ellen Hamill, Terry Poe, and Glenda Fleming

Commission members absent: Susan Whitacre

Staff present: Joy Gilliland, Recreation Program Coordinator, Albany Parks and Recreation

Guests present:

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

**2. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY, 2009**

The minutes of the May 12, 2009 meeting were approved with changes.

**3. TEEN ART**

The Commission felt the art show was well attended. The winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jim Chua, South Albany High School, "Tiger in Me", Scratchboard;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kasey Bauman, South Albany High School, "Flaws of Humanity", Acrylic;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ryan Prouty, West Albany High School, "Freight", Photography;  
People's Choice: Kasey Bauman, "Flaws of Humanity", Acrylic  
Winners were introduced at the City Council meeting following the award ceremony.

Art teachers provided the Commission with suggestions for next year's competition. The students need more direction to complete the tags on the back of their artwork; this could be done via the Web site. The teachers would like to see the reception held earlier in the month.

The Benton County Art Show might coincide with the Commission art show in 2010. Due to grant requirements, Benton County may need to move their show to January. The chosen winners of the Benton County show can go onto nationals. Feedback from students participating in the Albany Teen Art Show showed that students would rather participate in the Albany show than the Benton County show.

The Commission discussed adding categories to the show in order to provide more recognition opportunity. They also discussed announcing the winners at the beginning of the month and providing ribbons for winning art work.

The Commission discussed moving the show to the library. Hanging methods are an issue at any location. Possible funding sources for a new hanging system are the Friends of the Library and a grant from the Oregon Arts Council. The Commission agreed to move the show to the library if the library approved.

The Commission discussed making the competition theme based. Student participation in creating theme based work would be optional.

The Commission discussed starting fundraising earlier in the process as well as creating a poster of the winners to display downtown. It was suggested that Matt Bennett be approached as a sponsor. He owns four businesses downtown that exhibit artwork.

It was decided to add the Teen Art Show to the September agenda. It was suggested that teachers be added to the judges.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Jerry Anderson will provide photos of the Council meeting to Joy who will have them put on the Web site.
- Joy will work with Adam to draft a poster of the winning artwork.
- Joy will ask Matt to update the Web site with the winners.

**4. LIBRARY SCULPTOR – FORMAL ACCEPTANCE**

Mike Leckie's sculpture was accepted and voted on as the winner for the new library. Date for installation will be no later than November 1, 2009. The Albany Rotary Club would like a plaque near the sculpture to recognize Mr. Tripp for his service to the Albany Rotary Club.

The Commission discussed the location picked for the sculpture. Ed Gallagher may move the sculpture elsewhere on the library grounds.

The Commission discussed other artwork for the library. Both artists are on track for the proposed time frame.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Joy will send Leckie a contract.
- Joy will tell Ed Hodney, Albany Rotary Club, the winner before public notification is made and will research the kind of involvement the club wants.
- Joy will contact Ed Gallagher about a reception for all the artists in November.
- Marsha will follow up with Cheryl on progress of the other artwork.
- Ellen Hamill will contact Kathy Grosso to find out where exactly art exhibits will be exhibited and work with her to get these started.

**5. LIBRARY ART EXHIBITS – Not on Agenda**

The Commission discussed the hanging systems for library art exhibits. The library plans to use nails to display the art. The Commission is concerned that this may not be the most artistic way to display the art. It also may result in numerous holes in the walls.

The Teen Art Show currently exhibits for one month. Artists can ask for an extension. There was some discussion about whether the Arts Master Plan discussed what could be hung. The Call to Artists will reflect what the Arts Master Plan states.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Joy will forward Commission concerns regarding holes in the wall to Ed Gallagher.
- The Commission will ask the Friends of Library for funding for a hanging system.
- Commissioners will review the Call to Artist document and bring comments to the July meeting.
- Ellen will check with Ed Gallagher to see if there are concerns with showing art for only one month.

**6. NORTHWEST ART & AIR FESTIVAL**

Michael has received the information regarding the demonstration area for the Northwest Art & Air Festival. He has three interested artists and is waiting on more. Potential demonstrators are: Peter Mathias, Lynn Lesnesky, and one other. Michael believes he will have all the demonstrators on board by the middle of July. The concerns from last year's evaluation need to be revisited.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Joy will send Michael the current list of artists for the festival, Michael will solicit other demonstrators.
- Lynn will send a sympathy card to the family of Hap Ruebens, a previous demonstrator.

**7. OTHER**

Michael brought up that he heard from Tina Price Green from LaSells Stewart Center about holding an art show there. They would love to have one in either the spring or fall of 2010. He will let her know that the Commission would be interested in the spring.

**8. JULY AGENDA BUILD**

- Northwest Art & Air Festival
- Art Demonstration Area
- Art Exhibitors
- Call to Artists
- Teen Art Show

**9. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 14, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the Periwinkle Room in City Hall.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joy Gilliland, Recreation Program Coordinator, Albany Parks and Recreation