



**CITY OF ALBANY
ARTS COMMISSION
Santiam Room, Albany City Hall
Tuesday, September 14, 2010
3:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Commission members present: Michael Moore, Glenda Fleming, Liz Montague, Marsha Meidinger
Commission members absent: Lynn Whitacre, Terry Poe
Staff present: Ed Hodney, Director, Albany Parks & Recreation; Tari Hayes, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:39 p.m. because a quorum had not been present at the normal start time.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 10, 2010 were approved with changes.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. City Hall Art Exhibits

1. Michael Moore volunteered to take over the scheduling of the art exhibits at City Hall and the Library.
2. Lois Bottomly applied for exhibit space and the Commission approved her for display at City Hall.
3. The Commission discussed establishing a policy for Art Commissioners displaying the artwork at City Hall and the Library. They agreed further discussion was needed at the October meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Moore will schedule Bottomly for City Hall.

b. NWAAF Wrap Up

The Commission discussed the 2010 NWAAF. They clarified that the Commission is happy to schedule the artist demonstration area and the expectation is that Parks & Recreation will take over all on-site details during the show. The Commission would like to incorporate the chalk-art piece into the Festival. Commissioners want to know how the artists are juried and would like to be more visible and take a more active part in the event. The Commission would like a booth at the Festival to share:

- Projects they do throughout the year
- Their artwork
- Community and artists opportunities to become involved, take suggestions

Hodney shared that the Department has an agreement with all NWAAF artists not to share their contact information. The Department is happy to forward call-to-artist requests to the NWAAF artist list when requested by the Commission.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Hodney will discuss the Commission's participation in NWAAF with Festival organizers and report back to the Commission.

c. Going To Pots

Whitacre was not at the meeting so discussion was tabled until October. The Commission had some questions which Hayes will forward onto Whitacre.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Hayes will forward drafts of a flyer, created by Susan Whitacre, to the Commissioners for their vote. Printed copies of the final flyer are due by October 1 for distribution. The Commissioners can pick up copies at City Hall and Hayes will email a copy to the Commissioners to forward on.
- Moore, Hayes and Barnett will meet at Two Rivers to determine how many tables may fit in the show space and how many artists can sell at the show.

d. Contact Lists

Fleming sent the contact list to the Commissioners and is waiting for their responses.

e. Artist Social

Montague thought it would be nice for the Commission to organize an artist social event in the winter. This would provide an opportunity for local artists to network, something not currently available in Albany. The Commission agreed and thought that some evening in January or February, at the Library, would work. Cookies and punch would be served during the hour-long event.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Fleming will contact LaRee Bates at the Library and see what dates are available in January and February.

5. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSIONa. Teen Art

Meidinger will be leaving the Commission in December and reminded the Commission that someone needs to take over as lead for Teen Art. She provided a brief schedule of action items for the show.

1. September – the dates for final submission are decided and the Albany Visitors Association needs to be contacted to confirm their participation and that the dates are OK.
2. September - the local schools are initially contacted to remind them of the show.
3. October – the flyer is updated and the reception is scheduled for City Hall. The Commission would like the reception on an evening when nothing else is going on at City Hall.
4. January – start distributing flyers and start soliciting donations.

The Commission will add Teen Art to the agenda for future meetings and decide on an event chair at the October meeting.

b. Miscellaneous

1. The Talking Water Gardens tour will more than likely be at the end of October.
2. Montague will draft a memo to the Albany Downtown Association that Hayes will forward on. The memo is to remind them of the Phantom Gallery opportunities for vacant downtown business spaces.
3. Moore requested that Hayes send out the artist request from the Boston Mill Society to the names on the Albany artist list.

c. Agenda Build for Next Meeting

1. City Hall/Library Exhibits
 - a. Establish policy for Commissioner exhibits
2. Going to Pots
3. Teen Art
 - a. Establish new chair
4. Contact lists
5. Business from the Commission
6. Follow up on Artist Social Date
7. Follow up on NWAAF

6. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 9, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. in the Calapooia Room in City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Signature on file

Tari Hayes, Administrative Assistant, Albany Parks & Recreation