



**CITY OF ALBANY
ARTS COMMISSION
Calapooia Room, Albany City Hall
Tuesday, June 21, 2011
3:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Commission members present: Glenda Fleming; Liz Montague; Chuck Leland; Melissa Babcock Saylor; Lynn Whitacre

Commission members absent: None (two commission seats vacant)

Staff present: Ed Hodney, Albany Parks & Recreation Director; Tari Hayes, Administrative Assistant; Albany Parks & Recreation

Guests present: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 10, 2011, were approved.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. NWAAF

1. Artist Demonstration

The Commission discussed the scheduling of artist demonstrations at the 2011 NWAAF. Leland is going to contact past demonstrators as well as artists who may not be involved in as vendors. Leland will try and schedule Friday evening, Saturday day, and Sunday morning. If it looks like there is not enough interest to fill all the slots, he will concentrate on filling the spots on Saturday only. Commissioners will assist with setting up the demonstrations, and event staff will provide booth sitters and supplies if they are needed.

The Commission was undecided on whether or not to have a booth at the festival. If they don't have a booth, they would like some information provided at the information booth.

b. River Rhythms

1. Preconcert art – the Commissioners are welcome to participate in the children's art area at the concerts but are not planning anything as a group.

2. Carousel Chalk Art Event – table until next year

c. Saturday Market Participation

The Commission discussed ways to participate in the Saturday market held at City Hall on Saturdays. They decided to participate in two, one Saturday they would like to hold a chalk art event, possibly on the plaza of City Hall. They would open it up to adults and children, and solicit local artists to participate in filling larger squares.

During a second Saturday, preferably the weekend prior to the Going-to-Pots sale, the Commission would like to have a booth at the fair. They would highlight Commission activities throughout the year, solicit feedback from the community on public art, and promote the Going-to-Pots sale.

d. Artist Summer Social

The Commission discussed holding a social July 18 or 19. Montague will check with Ray's Market and see if it is available on either of those days. At this social the Commission would like to discuss forming an Albany artist guild, or friends of Albany art group.

ACTION ITEM: Montague will reserve space at Ray's or at a location in downtown Albany.

e. Scrapbook

Saylor agreed to take over the scrapbook project with assistance from the Commissioners. The Commission will create a list of activities and events to be included at the July Commission meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Commissioner's will bring scrapbook ideas to the July meeting.

f. Going-to-Pots

The Commission settled on October 13-16 for show dates. This date works well with other prominent shows in the valley. Karen French is part of the Willamette Ceramics Guild and has offered to place information on the group's website as well as posting the show flyer once it is ready.

ACTION ITEM: Whitacre will contact Michael Moore or Jimmie Lucht to find landlord contact information for space at Two Rivers that weekend.

5. EXHIBITS

There were no submissions to review. The Commission asked for a volunteer to take over scheduling from Hayes. Saylor agreed to take it over, with assistance from Whitaker. It's possible one of the new Commissioners would take over once they are up to speed.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

The Commission discussed their interviews for the Art Commission vacancies. The candidate pool was outstanding and each would have made a great addition to the Commission. The Commission decided to forward two names to the Mayor for consideration.

Fleming shared comments received from the teen art ballots.

ACTION ITEM: Fleming will forward the names to the Mayor.

Agenda Build - Discussion Items - for Next Meeting

- a. Saturday Market Participation
- b. NWAAF
 1. Artist demonstration – scheduling & support
 2. Information for booth – what types
- c. Artist summer social - follow up
- d. Going to Pots – standing agenda item
- e. Scrapbook – follow up with ideas

7. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly-scheduled meeting is July 12, 2011, 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