



**CITY OF ALBANY  
ARTS COMMISSION  
Calapooia Room, Albany City Hall  
Tuesday, February 14, 2012  
3:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Commission members present: Melissa Babcock Saylor (Chair), Glenda Fleming, Billie Moore, Linda Herd, Chuck Leland, Lynn Whitacre

Commission members absent: Liz Montague

Staff present: Ed Hodney, Albany Parks & Recreation Director; Debbie Little, Administrative Assistant

Guest present: None

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.

**2. APPROVALS OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Chuck Leland moved to approve the January 10, 2012 minutes as presented. Billie Moore seconded the motion, and it **passed** unanimously.

**3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. Teen Art Show

- Glenda contacted Marsha Meidinger regarding background music. Marsha does not have any information.
- Sue Bevington, a retired music teacher, might be a good resource.
- City Hall display cases have been reserved.
- High school music teachers are another resource.
- Ed contacted John Boock regarding sponsoring the event, and he declined.
- Melissa spoke at the Corvallis Arts Guild and received a \$50.00 donation which can be applied to prizes for the Teen Art Show.
- Chuck Leland and Billie Moore donated \$20.00 each towards prizes.
- Commissioners will distribute flyers: Whitacre - 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Leland - 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Moore – North Albany Village, Herd – Heritage Mall, Fleming – East Albany, Babcock Saylor – Fred Meyer and Boys & Girls Club of Albany.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Debbie will find last year's information on prizes and cost of food.
- Debbie will provide 150 flyers to the Commissioners for distribution.

- Melissa will contact Sue Bevington.
- Glenda will contact Marsha Meidinger regarding background music.

b. Watercolor Society of Oregon 2013 Annual Conference

Conference scheduled for April 2013. City Hall will serve as exhibit space in April 2013. Good volunteer opportunity. Babcock Saylor

c. Riley's window art project

The building owner has changed his position. The current tenant has a short-term lease and building owner does not want to use the windows to display art at this time.

Oscar Hult, Albany Downtown Association, is currently looking into purchasing materials to enhance Phantom Window Gallery program. Montague is current lead for the program, and will need to contact Hult to discuss the process and material needs.

Herd suggested several locations in the downtown area that would serve as good placements, and could extend exhibit duration for artists. JC Penney, Two Rivers Market, Sid Stevens Jewelers, USGS, Flinn Block, and Pix Theater. Herd offered to contact.

Lloyd Henion contacted the local steelworkers union regarding construction of displays. If supervision and materials were provided, trainees could complete the construction of displays. Hodney suggested submitting a written proposal through Lloyd, outlining the vision and objectives of the project.

**ACTION ITEM:**

- Linda will type up a draft of project for discussion at the next meeting.

Moore inquired about the scrap metal at International Paper, which is currently being demolished. Metal could be used in a sculpting completion or material for public art display. Hodney suggested contacting John Pascone at Albany-Millersburg Economic Development Corp.

**ACTION ITEM:**

- Billie will follow-up with John Pascone.

d. Pop-up arts activity center

Pop-up arts activities are mobile art galleries that "popup" at locations throughout an area. Each temporary project explores a different theme, new project, or medium, not just 2D or 3D but all-encompassing. Heritage Mall is a good possible location to have monthly activities open to all ages. The project would need facilitation and general supervision. Linda has a contact at the Corvallis Arts Guild who is willing to be involved.

**ACTION ITEM:**

- Linda will gather information and bring to next meeting.

e. Action items

1. Flash Mob- Melissa met with the Parks & Recreation Department and staff is supportive. The

line-up for River Rhythms has not been finalized, but a country-themed concert would not be an option as the crowd is too large.

**5. EXHIBITS**

None

**6. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Melissa suggested a “Paint Out” as a fundraising idea, which would replace the Fencepost event previously discussed. The event could be combined with the summer tour of homes in July. The premise of such an event would entail charging a nominal fee of \$25.00 to artists, which enters them into an art competition and allows them to paint in the yards of the homes on the tour. In addition, artist would have the opportunity to display a few pieces and sell their work.

Another fundraising option, suggested by Billie, would combine Going to Pots with an Artist Clean Out, or hold the Clean Out as a separate event. The funds generated from the Clean Out would benefit East Thornton Lake Natural Area.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Melissa will gather more information and speak with Jimmie Lucht at the Albany Visitors Association for input.

Agenda Build - Discussion Items for Next Meeting

- a. Teen Art Show – door prizes and food
- b. Friends of the Albany Arts Commission
- c. Artist Social

**7. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly-scheduled meeting is March 13, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the Periwinkle Room in City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Signature on file*

Debbie Little, Administrative Assistant, Albany Parks & Recreation