Albany Parks & Recreation

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
CITY OF ALBANY
ALBANY ARTS COMMISSION
City Hall, Calapooia Room
Tuesday, February 14, 2012
3:30 pm

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF January 2012 MINUTES

3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

    a. Teen Art Show

    b. Watercolor Society of Oregon 2013 annual conference

    c. Riley's window art project

    d. Pop-up arts activity center

5. ACTION ITEMS

6. EXHIBITS– approve submissions (if any)

7. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

8. NEXT MEETING DATE
   The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 13, 2012

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Approved: Draft

CITY OF ALBANY
ARTS COMMISSION
Calapooia Room, Albany City Hall
Tuesday, January 10, 2012
3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Commission members present:	Glenda Fleming (Chair), Melissa Babcock Saylor, Billie Moore, Linda Herd, Liz Montague, Lynn Whitacre
Commission members absent:	Chuck Leland
Staff present:	Ed Hodney, Albany Parks & Recreation Director; Debbie Little, Administrative Assistant
Guest present:	Katy Grant-Hanson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:26 p.m.

2. APPROVALS OF MINUTES

MOTION: Linda Herd moved to approve the December 13, 2011 minutes as presented. Melissa Babcock Saylor seconded the motion, and it **passed** unanimously.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Katy would like to be added to the Call-to-Artists list. She has published a book of her paintings and she has donated a copy to the Parks & Recreation Department.
Katy along with three others is starting the group of Albany Parks Plein Air Painters. She also conveyed continued interest in a gallery for Albany.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Teen Art Show

- "Save-the-Date" e-mail went out to the schools.
- The updated flyer and application were reviewed.
- City Hall display cases have been reserved
- Funding for prizes: Commissioners will solicit the business community for door prizes. Ed volunteered to contact John Boock.
- Background music in the past has been handled by Marsha Meidinger. Lynn suggested the local music store; Liz commented that Marsha might be willing to assist again this year.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Debbie will get documents sent out to schools.
- Ed will contact John Boock about sponsoring the event again.
- Glenda will contact Marsha Meidinger regarding background music.

b. New Officers

The offices open are Chair and Vice-Chair.

Linda nominated Melissa Babcock-Saylor for Chair. Billie Moore nominated herself for Vice-Chair.

Vote: Unanimous vote for Melissa Babcock Saylor as Chair and Billie Moore as Vice-Chair.

c. Commission goal/fundraiser

The Commission's overall goal is to have art in public spaces permanently. Based on the locations identified during the last meeting, the Commission selected the top three locations as a starting point:

- Waverly (School? Drive?)
- Lyon St triangle
- 9th & Hwy 20 triangle

The idea of a stakeholder's reception to convey and showcase the Commission's chosen locations and thoughts for sculptures was discussed. Starting location chosen by solicited stakeholders. Ed noted CARA could be a possible resource if location is within the CARA district.

Melissa suggested Fence Post Art could be a starting fundraising event in June. Local artists would be enlisted to create the Artistic Fence Post, and sales would be directed toward first installation. A sponsor could be secured to cover costs including materials, food and beverages. Suggested sponsors: Lowes, Home Depot, and Habitat ReStore & Burcham's Metals.

Melissa is working on creating the "Friends of the Arts Commission" group, and they could help organize the Fence Post event.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Melissa will contact Burcham's Metals.
- Liz will contact Habitat ReStore.
- Linda will coordinate with Parks & Recreation for food and beverages.
- Ed will develop a draft concept/mission statement to assist in directing fundraising efforts.

d. ETLNA fundraiser

Billie brought forward an idea from Lois Bottomly: hold an event such as a "House Cleaning Sale" for artists, possibly in July 2012. Artists would sell paintings at a reduced cost and 50% of sales would benefit ETLNA.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Billie will look into possible locations.

e. Grant Opportunity

Grant information was shared. Melissa suggested using grant funds to start an annual Children's Book Month poster contest.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Melissa will review grant information.

5. EXHIBITS

Plein Air Painters scheduled for October 2012, Katy Grant-Hanson, Molly Perry & Rob Robinson.

6. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

Glenda provided an updated on Riley's window project. They continue to be very interested in displaying local art. The corner windows needed to stay whited out per OLCC regulations.

Ed shared e-mail from Chuck Leland. Loyd Henion from the CARA Advisory Board recommended using trainees from the local construction union to produce the display cases. The Commission would be responsible for providing materials.

Ed spoke with Oscar Hult of the Albany Downtown Association (ADA), about funding possibilities. The ADA has a program called Extreme Window Makeover, funded through sponsors, to assist downtown businesses in renovations creating better-looking and inviting windows. ADA is anticipating the program operating this coming spring, and Riley's could be a candidate for the project.

Melissa will be attending the Corvallis Arts Guild meeting February 6, 2012 to present information about the Albany Arts Commission.

Melissa proposed having a flash mob at one of the outdoor concerts to promote the Arts Commission. The flash mob would need to be coordinated with Katie Nooshazar in Parks & Recreation.

Linda shared information about how Portland is incorporating public art in to interstitial space. She has photos she will share with the Commission.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Linda will send photos to Commissioners.

Agenda Build - Discussion Items for Next Meeting

a. Display locations

b. Riley's

7. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly-scheduled meeting is February 14, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the Calapooia Room in City Hall.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Little, Administrative Assistant, Albany Parks & Recreation