



**CITY OF ALBANY
ARTS COMMISSION
Calapooia Room, Albany City Hall
Tuesday, April 10, 2012
5:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

Commission members absent: Glenda Fleming

Staff present: Ed Hodney, Parks & Recreation Director;

Guest present: John Boock, Jimmie Johnson, Stephanie Low, Rob Robinson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. APPROVALS OF MINUTES

MOTION: Chuck Leland moved to approve the March 13, 2012 minutes as presented. Billie Moore seconded the motion, and it **passed** unanimously.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

John Boock presented a concept for metal sculpture he wants to install at City Hall and other locations. Sculpture is based on the US flag. He is working with sculptor Raymond Hunter to refine the concept at this time. The commissioners were generally supportive of the proposal. The commission will consider approval of this piece at its meeting in May. No action taken.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Teen Art Show

- Liz made arrangements with the Music Café Rock School for background music during the reception.
- Commissioners continue soliciting non-cash donations. Current donations include, two \$50.00 gift certificates from Dick Blick, bowling gift certificate from AMF Bowling valued at \$250.00, two movie passes from Regal Cinemas, \$25.00 gift certificate, \$10.00 gift certificate from Restaurants on First, and eight \$5.00 gift certificates from Carino's.
- Lynn did not need to order ribbons, remaining ribbons from last year will be sufficient.
- Food items suggestions: veggie tray, cookies, fruit tray, chips and punch.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Chuck will contact Hasso Hering at the *Democrat-Herald*.

b. Proposed Albany Art Center

Ed introduced Jimmie Johnson, who is pursuing an Art Center to go in an existing building on Water Avenue. The building is owned by John Boock. Jimmie is working to establish Albany Arts Center as a 501(c)(3) to fund the construction of building improvements and the ongoing operations. The project is pending the resolution of several issues, including a City review of the project from a building code perspective and the ability to fund the project. The commissioners were enthusiastic in support of the proposal. No action.

c. Phantom Gallery

After discussion, the commission approved a motion to negotiate a rental with Marc Manley for the use of his Flinn Block building to set up a phantom gallery during May 2012.

MOTION: Linda moved to proceed with phantom gallery. Chuck seconded the motion, and it **passed** unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Linda and Ed will follow-up with Marc Manley.

d. City Hall art hanging system

Ed presented a wall system for hanging art in City Hall for the 2013 Watercolor Society of Oregon conference in Albany. The system is made by Walker Display Inc. and would cost roughly \$2,000 to install. Ed reiterated his commitment to have the system installed prior to the WSO event. By consensus, the commission found the system acceptable, preferring the fiberglass rod hangers instead of the wire cable.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

Commission revisited a prior discussion regarding a proposed Paint Out. The commission agreed to move forward with the Paint Out, recruiting artists and foregoing any fee to enter this year. The event will be held in July 2012, with the annual tour of historic homes and gardens.

MOTION: Chuck moved to proceed with the Paint Out. Linda seconded the motion, and it **passed** unanimously.

Linda will meet with Melody Olsen, Heritage Mall, on Thursday, April 19, 2012. She will continue to research pop-up arts activities in Salem and other locations.

Melissa will follow up with Katie Nooshazar, and Lynne Jamison in the Parks & Recreation Department regarding an Arts Commission activity with a River Rhythms concert.

6. **EXHIBITS**

None

7. **BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION**

The commission requested that future agendas include an item titled Financial Report, to be presented by staff. The report will include the spreadsheet used to track details of each project or

program of the Arts Commission, as well as the current status of both revenues and expenditures reported by the City.

Agenda Build - Discussion Items for Next Meeting

a. Financial report

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly-scheduled meeting is May 8, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the Calapooia Room in City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file

Debbie Little, Administrative Assistant I, Albany Parks & Recreation