



**CITY OF ALBANY
ARTS COMMISSION
Calapooia Room, Albany City Hall
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
3:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Commission members present: Melissa Babcock Saylor (Chair), Lynn Whitacre, Linda Herd, Oscar Hult, Billie Moore

Commission members absent: Chuck Leland

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

Guest present: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Billie Moore moved to approve the October 9, 2012, minutes as presented. Linda Herd seconded the motion, and it **passed** 4-0.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Albany Story - themes that can be used for creating public art.

Ideas for an Albany Story

- Monteith Brothers
- Timber Carnival
- Timber industry
- Historic homes and buildings
- Two Rivers/river traffic- Calapooia & Willamette
- Bureau of Mines (Mayor stopping the train)
- Metal and paper industry
- Creation of Waverly Lake
- Hacklemans
- Native Americans
- Albany Canal

- Brewery
- Culture of the people (hardworking)
- Bryant Park wooden water slide

Ed Hodney shared an example of one concept: a book in which the written word is reflected in works of art. The book was created by the City of Denton, TX. Brief discussion followed.

Brief discussion of the next steps included: continue to generate ideas, review the ideas produced, evaluate which ones would translate into public art, and how it would materialize.

b. Brochure

Commissioners will forward copy for the brochure to Ed. The brochure will be used to help communicate the story of Albany.

c. Friends of the Arts Commission

Melissa created a rough draft questionnaire regarding community interest in volunteering at events as a part of the Friends of the Arts Commission. The Commission is looking for volunteers to assist in events, activities, and fundraising.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Melissa and Linda will review and revise the questionnaire.

d. Artist Social

The Artists' Social will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. after the Arts Commission meeting, location to be determined.

e. Disposition of photographs and artwork donated to the City

The City has three old photos and one hanging wood sculpture piece by Robert Ferguson which were donated to the City several years ago.

MOTION: Linda Herd moved to lend the photos at the Albany Downtown Association for display at this time until the Arts Commission determines otherwise. Lynn Whitacre seconded the motion, and it **passed** 5-0.

MOTION: Billie Moore moved to store and research the value of the Ferguson piece, and possibly dispose of it in a fundraiser. Linda Herd seconded the motion, and it **passed** 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Melissa will research value of the Ferguson piece.

f. Co-op Gallery

Billie contacted the Art of the Valley co-op to gather more information, and they were not interested in providing assistance as all their information is proprietary.

The Commission discussed several downtown locations that would be a good fit for the Co-op and are currently available.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

Linda will follow-up with Melody Olsen at Heritage Mall to create a schedule for the Pop-up Activities.

The Commission discussed creating a temporary “cling” with the banner’s graphic. The initial quote for production is \$2.00 per cling.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Commission will research production cost with several vendors.

6. EXHIBITS

Gary Thurman has submitted an application to display at City Hall or the Phantom Gallery.

MOTION: Lynn Whitacre moved to accept Gary Thurman’s application to display in City Hall or the Phantom Art Gallery. Billie Moore seconded the motion, and it **passed** 5-0.

ACTION ITEM:

- Melissa will contact Gary for scheduling.

Linda Herd inquired about availability in September 2013 for a group show from the Philomath Open Studios Tour. September 2013 is currently available, and Linda will take the information back to the group.

7. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

Ed Hodney suggested creating an action plan and task list regarding initiatives to help the Commission continue moving forward on several projects generated at the October retreat. Melissa and Billie offered to help generate the document.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ed will e-mail Melissa and Billie to schedule a meeting.

Billie Moore requested confirmation that City Hall is available for the Albany Art Show in November 2013.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ed will check the calendar.

Lynn Whitacre has three items from the 2011 Going to Pots sale that were not picked up. Commission agreed she will send a letter to the potter with a deadline for pick up.

The Commission briefly discussed the 2012 Going to Pots sale. Sales were down from last year. The Commission will need to review the purpose of the event and if it is held at the right time of year.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is December 11, 2012, at 3:30 p.m. in the Calapooia Room in City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on File

Debbie Little, Administrative Assistant I, Albany Parks & Recreation