



**CITY OF ALBANY
ARTS COMMISSION
Calapooia Room, Albany City Hall
Tuesday, January 15, 2013
3:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Commission members present: Lynn Whitacre, Linda Herd, Oscar Hult, Billie Moore, Chuck Leland, Margaret (Peggy) Kroessin

Commission members absent: Melissa Babcock Saylor

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: Oscar Hult moved to approve the December 11, 2012 minutes as presented. Linda Herd seconded the motion, and it **passed** 6-0.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Margaret (Peggy) Kroessin was introduced, and provided some background information to the Commission.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Co-op

Linda Herd and Melissa Babcock Saylor met with Marc Manley regarding the space currently being used for the Phantom Gallery. Manley is advertising the rental space at \$2,750 per month. Billie Moore noted that approximately 15 artists are interested in membership at \$50 per month, but that still does not reach the figure Manley is looking for. Brief discussion followed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Billie will check with Cheryl French regarding the legal issues for establishing the Co-op.

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

Ed provided background on the project for Peggy.

Chuck Leland met with Kay Burk of Albany Regional Museum, and Edward Loy, author of "*Tim Burr*," who is currently writing a book on the history of Albany. The tentative publish date for the

book is the end of 2013. In addition, the museum is looking into creating a plaque in tribute to Samuel Simpson, Oregon's first poet laureate, which would tie into the Albany Story project.

c. Artist Social

The social will be held on February 12, 2013 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The social will be advertised from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Billie will review, update the mailing list, and send to Debbie.
- Linda will work on creating the invitation.
- Linda will contact Melissa and work on an agenda.
- Debbie will obtain refreshments.

6. ACTION ITEMS

a. Pop-up Arts Activity Center

Billie Moore is scheduled for February 10, 2013. Additional activities are scheduled on the second Sunday of each month:

March 10
April 14
May 12
June 9

Heritage Mall has a Facebook page, and website to assist with advertising.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Peggy will contact Jennifer Moody at the *Democrat-Herald* regarding coverage for Arts Commission activities.

b. Teen Art Show

- Reception will be May 2 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Awards ceremony 6:15p.m.
- Cash prizes will be awarded: 1st \$100, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50, and People's Choice \$75.

The suggestion was made to hold a workshop or visits to the schools to provide further information on how to prepare for a juried art show.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Billie will follow-up with the art teachers to determine interest.
- Debbie will update the flier.
- Lynn will order ribbons.

7. EXHIBITS

None

8. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

Ed shared information about a small grant administered by West Albany High School students, and funded through the Oregon Community Foundation. Parks & Recreation will be partnering with

Friends of the Albany Public Library to submit a proposal for an educational arts event. If the project is funded, the Arts Commission would be included in the event.

Billie inquired about holding the juried Albany Art Show at City Hall in November. Ed checked the calendar and confirmed that City Hall is available.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is February 12, 2013 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

Debbie Little, Administrative Assistant I, Albany Parks & Recreation