



**CITY OF ALBANY  
ARTS COMMISSION  
Calapooia Room, Albany City Hall  
Tuesday, February 12, 2013  
3:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Commission members present: Melissa Babcock Saylor (Chair), Linda Herd, Oscar Hult, Billie Moore, Chuck Leland, Margaret (Peggy) Kroessin

Commission members absent: Lynn Whitacre

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 January 15, 2013 minutes as presented. Chuck Leland seconded the motion, and it **passed** 6-0.

**3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. New Officers

The offices open are Chair and Vice-Chair.

**MOTION:** Chuck nominated Melissa Babcock-Saylor for Chair. Linda Herd seconded the motion, and it **passed** 6-0.

**MOTION:** Oscar nominated Billie Moore for Vice-Chair. Linda Herd seconded the motion, and it **passed** 6-0.

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

Oscar Hult shared the process McMinnville currently uses for placing public art. He suggested this process could be used for creating a bronze sculpture of one of the Monteith brothers that could be placed on one of the downtown benches.

The Commission has previously identified locations in Albany for placing public art, and briefly discussed the locations for the two Commissions who were not a member of the Arts Commission at the time of selection.

Next step would include community awareness, fundraising, and creating a clear proposal to solicit donations.

Melissa suggested contacting John Boock, trustee of the Wanita Robb Sculptural Trust, and Jay Burcham of Burcham's Metals an option for resources and/or funding.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Billie will research cost of Monteith sculpture, and possible interested artists in the Eugene area.
- Ed will contact John Boock and invite him to the April Commission meeting.

c. Art Activities Center- Heritage Mall

Billie and Peggy held an activity on February 10, 2013. An area was not set up, and Mall security did not know about the scheduled activity, which created an initial problem with the start of the activity. Additional activities are scheduled on the second Sunday of each month:

March 10 – Peggy Kroessin  
 April 14 – Cheryl French  
 May 12  
 June 9

A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2013 with Melody Olsen and a representative of the new owners of Heritage Mall to discuss the Arts Activity Center.

d. Preparations for the WSO Show

Ed shared the needs of the WSO with the Commission. He has already ordered more rods for the hanging system. He plans to meet with the WSO organizers to review the hanging system and available display space.

Art will start arriving at City Hall on April 1, 2013, and will be on display until April 30, 2013.

e. Artists' Social

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Linda will send out the invitation via e-mail.
- Linda and Melissa are working on an agenda.
- Debbie will obtain refreshments.
- Debbie will order plastic clings.
- Ed will work on a PowerPoint presentation

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

None

**6. EXHIBITS**

Jesse Rondeau has submitted an application to display at City Hall or the Phantom Gallery.

The Commission has concerns about the originality of the work.

**ACTION ITEM:**

- Melissa will contact Jesse to follow up, and clarify display policy.

**7. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Stephanie Low has contacted Billie regarding Sid Stevens Jewelers. Sid Stevens is interested in displaying local art in his store.

**ACTION ITEM:**

- Peggy will provide Sid with a list of artists he can contact directly.

A cannon has been donated to the Monteith House Historical Society, and the Tripp family, the largest donor, would like to have it displayed indoors. The cannon was used in Albany in the 1860s to celebrate Union victories during the Civil War. The Albany Visitors Association and City Hall are the two options currently being considered. AVA would have staff available to share the history of the cannon. The Commission is OK with either location.

Chuck is willing to coordinate the artist demo schedule for NWAAF if needed.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 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