



**CITY OF ALBANY
ARTS COMMISSION
Calapooia Room, Albany City Hall
Tuesday, April 9, 2013
3:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

Commission members absent: None

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 3:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Linda Herd moved to approve the March 12, 2013 minutes as presented. Chuck Leland seconded the motion, and it **passed** 7-0.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Analee Fuentes was scheduled to present to the Commission, but will not be attending the meeting.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Linda spoke with a staff member of Burcham's Metals and he expressed interest in the possibility of participating in a sculpture project. Ed noted that John Boock and Jay Burcham have been invited to attend a Commission meeting to further discuss the project.

Chuck asked if there was any new information about creating a plaque in tribute to Samuel Simpson, Oregon's first poet laureate, which would tie into the Albany Story project. The Commission needs the museum to submit a proposal for review and take any action if needed.

Chuck previously informed the Commission about Edward Loy, who is currently writing a book on the history of Albany, might be a useful resource. He has since spoken with Loy about and discussed the possibility of having a paragraph in his book about the Arts Commission. Ed Hodney suggested inviting a representative from the Albany Regional Museum to a meeting to further discuss the objectives of the Arts Commission regarding the Albany Story.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Debbie will generate a list of the Albany Story ideas to date.
- Chuck will invite representatives of the Albany Regional Museum to attend a Commission meeting.

b. Teen Art Show

- Chuck and Melissa will be at Parks & Recreation Friday, April 26, 2013 to help with receiving art.
- Commissioners continue to solicit sponsors and non-cash donations.
- AFSCME Local 2909 has sponsored the People's Choice award.
- Current total for donations is \$140.00, and Melissa's Art is sponsoring the Reception.
- Donations should be turned in by Friday, April 26, 2013.
- Saturday, April 27, 2013 art will be received from 10:00 a.m. – noon, and judging will begin at 1:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Melissa will contact volunteers to assist with the reception.

5. ACTION ITEMS

None

6. EXHIBITS

None. Schedule was briefly discussed.

June –Judy Casad

July- available

August – Albany Painting Enthusiasts

September – Philomath Open Studios

Ed confirmed the commission is 15 percent on all sales of artwork during temporary exhibits.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Chuck will contact Judy Casad regarding exhibiting for both June and July.
- Billie will follow-up with Albany Painting Enthusiasts to confirm schedule.
- Linda will follow-up with Philomath Open Studios to confirm schedule.

7. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

a. Art Activities Center - Heritage Mall

Cheryl French has been in contact with Melody Olson of Heritage Mall for her activity on April 14, 2013.

Heritage Mall currently holds Kids Adventure Club every third Saturday of the month from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Linda suggested integrating the Art Activities Center into Kids Adventure Club instead of holding two separate events.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Linda will follow-up with Melody Olson to gather more information.

b. Upstairs Downtown Albany Wine Walk

The Commission has been invited to participate by hosting a winery at the Phantom Gallery location on 1st street in the Flinn Block. The wine walk is Friday, May 3, 2013 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Lynn is available to staff the event.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Linda will contact artist, and arrange for additional art to be added to the gallery.
- Debbie will arrange for a light snack to be available as required by OLCC.

c. Watercolor Society of Oregon

83 paintings are currently on display in City Hall for the month of April. Several Commissioners assisted with the reception attended by over 300 people.

d. Co-op Gallery

Billie requested clarification regarding the Co-op and the role of the Arts Commission. Ed responded stating the two entities are separate and will not be linked. Any artist contact information the Arts Commission has will not be used to solicit for the gallery.

e. Other

Ed has been communicating with a few photographers and there is a growing interest a juried photography show, possibly in 2014, exhibiting in City Hall.

Lynn suggested creating a calendar listing on the Arts Commission web page for events, shows, and gallery locations. Ed noted that the Albany Visitors Association (AVA) is currently maintaining a calendar of events for the local region, and suggested placing a link on the Arts Commission page to AVA's site instead of trying to maintain a separate calendar. If the Commission does want a separate event calendar, a process would need to be established for maintaining it and providing new information.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 14, 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