



**CITY OF ALBANY
ARTS COMMISSION
Calapooia Room, Albany City Hall
Tuesday, August 12, 2014
3:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

Commission members absent: Anne Bose, Lynn Whitacre

Staff present: Ed Hodney, Parks & Recreation Director; Debbie Little, Administrative Services Coordinator

Guest present: Stephanie Low

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Chuck Leland moved to approve the June 10, 2014 minutes as presented. Linda Herd seconded the motion, and it **passed** 4-0.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Stephanie Low is coordinating a birthday celebration on Sunday, October 12, 2014 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. She is working with community partners, Rebecca Landis with the Albany Farmers Market, and Rod Porche at the Albany Downtown Association. Ed suggested she contact the Albany Visitors Association as well. Stephanie would like to use the Trolley if available. Brief discussion followed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ed will check on Trolley availability.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Joint Meeting with Corvallis Arts & Culture Commission

Ed recently met with the Corvallis Parks & Recreation Director to gather information about their programs and activities. Ed provided the Commission with a copy of the Proposal for City of Corvallis Arts & Culture Study and Strategic Planning. He suggested holding a joint meeting with the Corvallis Arts & Culture Commission followed by an Artists' Social. Brief discussion followed.

Melissa suggested holding a short meeting at 4:30 p.m. October 7, 2014, followed by an Artists' Social at 5:30 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Debbie will check room schedules for October 7, 2014.

b. Commission Vacancy

Peggy Kroessin has resigned. The Commission has the option to appoint someone to the position or wait until January 2015 for the next round of open applications.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Commissioners will contact possible candidates.
- Debbie will send out a news release.

c. City Hall Exhibits

Commissioners reviewed the proposed changes and made minor adjustments.

MOTION: Chuck Leland moved to approve the changes to the Artist Exhibit Policy proposed by Billie Moore, including the amendments made by the Commissioners. Linda Herd seconded the motion, and it **passed** 4-0.

d. October Show

The Commission will proceed with a themed show for October celebrating the City of Albany 150 years. Billie will complete the prospectus for the October show, which will specify a Commissioner as the point person for each category in the show. Billie noted Albany Regional Museum has recently received a collection of photographs, which date back approximately 100 years. The photographs are on disk and will need to be printed and matted for the show. Ed noted Parks & Recreation could contribute up to \$200 to assist with preparing the photos for the show. Melissa is available to assist with receiving and hanging of art work, depending on the date selected. Brief discussion followed.

ACTION ITEM:

- Billie will send the prospectus to the Commissioners by e-mail when it's ready for distribution.
- Billie will contact the Albany Regional Museum for possible contributions.
- Billie will contact the Albany Democrat Herald with an invitation for participation.

5. ACTION ITEMS

None

6. EXHIBITS

Josef Stitts submitted an application to display at City Hall. The Commission reviewed the application and art sample submission.

MOTION: Linda Herd moved to accept Josef Stitts to display in City Hall. Chuck Leland seconded the motion, and it **passed** 4-0.

7. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

Last meeting, Chuck inquired about the attendance policy of the Commission. Ed noted the City's policy regarding attendance.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Billie will follow-up with Anne Bose to confirm her intent to remain on the Commission.

Art for Public Display:

Melissa would like the Commission to keep moving forward with placing art in public places. She is willing to research some ideas for funding, and options for a proposal process. Sculpture ideas could tie into the "Albany Story". John Boock, and Jay Burcham have expressed interested in creating a sculpture with a theme about the rare metals industry, and how it has helped define the Albany community. Brief discussion followed.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 9, 2014 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 Services Coordinator, Albany Parks & Recreation