



**CITY OF ALBANY  
ARTS COMMISSION  
Calapooia Room, Albany City Hall  
Tuesday, January 13, 2015  
3:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Commission members present: Melissa Babcock Saylor (Chair), Chuck Leland, Lynn Whitacre, Linda Herd

Commission members absent: None

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

Guest present: None

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Lynn Whitacre moved to approve the October 14, 2014 minutes as presented. Linda Herd seconded the motion, and it **passed** 4-0.

**3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. New Commission Members

Scott Lawley and Rinee Merritt are two applicants scheduled at the next City Council meeting for appointment to the commission. Ed reminded the commission of the process, the Mayor appoints members to the commission and City Council ratifies the appointment.

b. New Officers

New officers will need to be elected at the next meeting, once the new commissioners are appointed.

c. Commission Vacancy

One position still remains vacant. Commissioners will continue to recruit new applicants. Potential applicants were briefly discussed.

d. Display Schedule

Linda Herd will take over scheduling the displays in City Hall. There are several openings on the schedule. Brief discussion followed regarding soliciting artists to show in City Hall.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Debbie will update the contact information on the display policy.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

6. **EXHIBITS**

Richard Wilcox submitted an application to display, but did not include any work samples. Linda will follow up.

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

**MOTION:** Chuck Leland moved to accept Chris Mc Murtry to display in City Hall. Lynn Whitacre seconded the motion, and it **passed** 4-0.

Michael and Billie Moore have inquired about a show in August or October. Linda will follow up.

7. **BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Teen Art Show: Due to the low turnout the last several years, the Commission will not be holding the Teen Art Show this May. It will be revisited for next year once the members are appointed.

Linda informed the Commission about a fundraising project at Gallery Calapooia. The gallery has secured 12 metal folding chairs from Burcham's Metals. The artists of Gallery Calapooia are decorating the chairs and will be raffling them off. The gallery is proposing offering a portion of the proceeds to the Arts Commission for seed money towards public art. Ed noted a formal agreement would need to be created.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Ed, Melissa, Linda will meet and work on a proposal for the Commissions official consideration.

Melissa suggested holding a retreat this spring. The last one was over a year ago. Ed suggested holding it in March.

Ed noted that Jay Burcham and John Boock are still interested in creating a piece of art that tells the story of the rare metals industry in Albany. In addition, construction for the Albany Carousel is targeted for late 2015, which has included possibly creating a "public plaza" in the parking lot space behind the building. The plaza could contain a sculpture that helps tell the Albany story. Brief discussion followed.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is February 10, 2015 in the Calapooia Room in City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Signature on file*

Debbie Little,

Administrative Services Coordinator, Albany Parks & Recreation