



**CITY OF ALBANY  
ARTS COMMISSION  
Calapooia Room, Albany City Hall  
Tuesday, May 12, 2015  
3:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Commission members present: Melissa Babcock Saylor (Chair), Linda Herd, Rinee Merritt, Scott Lawley, Chuck Leland, Jane Donovan, Lynn Whitacre

Commission members absent: None

Staff present: Debbie Little, Administrative Services Coordinator

Guest present: Jane Evans, North Albany Middle School Principal

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Melissa Babcock Saylor moved to approve the April 14, 2015 minutes as presented. Chuck Leland seconded the motion, and it **passed** 7-0.

**3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Greater Albany Public Schools is exploring the idea of a performing arts center in Albany. A committee has been formed and a feasibility study has been conducted, which Jane Evans distributed to the Commission. Evans briefly explained the process and findings, noting that funding for the development and construction of a performing arts center would need to be attached to a bond measure for the school district. Brief discussion followed.

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

None

**5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. Midsummer Arts Festival

Parks & Recreation staff met with Michael Winder regarding the upcoming event. The notes from the meeting were distributed and outline ideas for promotion, funding opportunities, Parks & Recreation's role, and future planning. Brief discussion followed.

b. Doorways Poster Show/Contest

The Commission continues to explore the possibility of a show or contest of some kind that consists of painting, drawing, or photographing doorways in Albany which could work as a fundraiser for the Commission. Rinee has contact information for a representative at Jeld-Wen for possible sponsorship. Brief discussion followed.

c. Retreat

The retreat will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 3:30 – 7:00 p.m. Location- John Boock's loft on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

Current agenda items:

1% for Art Ordinance  
Sculpture program development  
Teen Art Show  
Revisit strategic plan

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Debbie will send out notes from previous retreat.

d. Northwest Art & Air Festival

The Commission discussed the possibility of participating in the festival at the airport during the Young Eagles flights. After a brief discussion, it was concluded that the Commissioners are not available to participate.

**6. EXHIBITS**

None

**7. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Going to Pots will be held October 15 -17, 2015. Lynn will check on the availability of Two Rivers Market.

Rinee made a general inquiry about the maximum number of commissioners. Currently the commission is full, but applications are accepted on an on-going basis through the City Manager's Office.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 14, 2015 in the Calapooia Room in City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Signature on file*

Debbie Little, Administrative Services Coordinator, Albany Parks & Recreation