



**CITY OF ALBANY
ARTS COMMISSION
Calapooia Room, Albany City Hall
Tuesday, July 14, 2015
3:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

Commission members absent: Rinee Merritt

Staff present: Ed Hodney, Parks & Recreation Director; Kandice Easdale, Clerk II

Guest present: James Franklin, Stephanie Lowe

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 May 12, 2015 minutes with date correction. Chuck Leland seconded the motion, and it **passed** 6-0.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

James Franklin is exploring the idea of a performing arts center in Albany to be located in the downtown area. A performing arts center could help revitalize the Two Rivers Market and advance the Broadalbin Promenade. Ed and the Commissioners made suggestions to connect with the school district, and CARA. Brief discussion followed. Franklin will provide the Commission with an update in a few months.

Stephanie Lowe has a copy of a handbook for the Albany Arts Festival from 1970-1985 and would like to create an electronic copy. Parks & Recreation staff will scan the paper copy to create an electronic copy.

4. ACTION ITEMS

Scott has created a Facebook page- Friends of Albany Arts and Culture. This is not an Arts Commission page, but a page for a group supporting arts in the community.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

• Retreat Debrief

The Commission will continue to discuss the items generated at the retreat. Ed reviewed the notes he compiled. Brief discussion followed.

- Arts master plan, create a sub-committee to organize an action plan that will culminate in an adopted Arts Master Plan.
 1. Sub-committee; Scott, Linda, Chuck, Ed (advisory role).

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ed will send e-mail to schedule a meeting with the sub-committee.

- Teen Art Show
 1. The Boys & Girls Club of Albany has communicated to Ed interest in having a display of children's art in City Hall during the month of January. Ed will suggested the commission review a proposal from the Boys & Girls Club to display, as well as, invite the Director from the Boys & Girls Club of Albany to attend a meeting to discuss the topic further. Brief discussion followed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ed will contact John Anderson at the Boys & Girls Club.
- 1% for the Arts
 1. John Bradner has contacted Ed regarding the restoration and display of a vintage fire truck as part of the commitment for the 1% for the Arts involved in the new fire station building project. Bradner will bring a proposal to the Commission in the near future.

6. EXHIBITS

None

7. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

Linda would like to hold a reception to promote the artists' scheduled to exhibit in December, which will consist of fly fishing groups, Rinee Merritt, Bill Marshall, and Steve Pitts. She is looking for more artists to include in the December show.

Jane has posters and yard signs for the Midsummer Arts Festival are available if people would like them. Jane reviewed the planned activities. Brief discussion followed.

Going to Pots will be held October 15 -17, 2015. Lynn is looking into locations and will check on the availability of Two Rivers Market. Advertising is needed once the location is determined. Lynn, Melissa, and Jane will coordinate the event.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ed will send e-mail to schedule a meeting with the sub-committee.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 8, 2015 in the Calapooia Room in City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file

Kandice Easdale, Clerk II, Albany Parks & Recreation