



**CITY OF ALBANY
ARTS COMMISSION
Calapooia Room, Albany City Hall
Tuesday, August 11, 2015
3:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Commission members present: Melissa Babcock Saylor, Linda Herd (Chair), Chuck Leland, Jane Donovan, Lynn Whitacre, Rinee Merritt, Scott Lawley (arrived 3:35 p.m.)

Commission members absent: None

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

Guest present: Staci Belcastro, Acting City Engineer/Engineering Manager; Mario Lattanzio, Police Chief

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 May 12, 2015 minutes with date correction. Melissa Babcock Saylor seconded the motion, and it **passed** 6-0.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

4. ACTION ITEMS

a. 1% Art Requirement, Fire and Police stations

Belcastro and Lattanzio presented the initial art concept for the new Police station. The concept focuses the 1% for Art budget on a water element in the new Police station's Plaza. The water element could be designed by a local artist through an RFP selection process, or the current architectural firm for the Police station, Mackenzie. The commissioners would prefer solicitation of a local artist to design the art feature. The framework for an RFP would come from Mackenzie, and identify the art elements that could be farmed out to an artist. The commission would be involved on the selection review committee. Brief discussion followed.

John Bradner, Fire Chief, has contacted Ed regarding the restoration and display of a vintage fire truck as part of the commitment for the 1% for Art involved in the new Fire station project. Bradner plans to bring a proposal to the Commission next month.

b. Benton County Cultural Coalition funding opportunity

Hodney wanted to inform the Commissioners of this funding opportunity. The funds are limited, and the request needs to be from a 501c3 organization, and a Benton County resident. Donovan noted that the Linn County Cultural Coalition also has funding opportunities.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Retreat Follow-up

Arts Master Plan, create a subcommittee to organize an action plan that will culminate in an adopted Arts Master Plan.

1. Subcommittee; Scott, Linda, Chuck, Ed (advisory role).

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ed will send email to schedule a meeting with the subcommittee.

b. Teen Art Show

Ed has contacted the Boys & Girls Club of Albany regarding a possible proposal to display children's art in City Hall. He is waiting to hear if they want to pursue this idea.

6. EXHIBITS

None

7. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

Information the Commission would like posted on the Facebook page of Friends of Albany Arts and Culture can be sent to Lawley. This is not an Arts Commission page, but a page for a group supporting arts in the community.

Going to Pots will be held October 15 -17, 2015. Whitacre has secured space at Two Rivers Market. Advertising ideas were discussed. Whitacre will be the primary contact for the event.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Little will send out a "save the date" email to previous participating artists.
Little will coordinate with Parks & Recreation's graphic designer to create a poster for advertisement.
- Merritt will post the event on Pinterest.
- Babcock Saylor will check pricing on printing post cards.
- Whitacre will contact the Corvallis Advocate.
- Lawley will post on Facebook.
- Herd will put the event in the Gallery Calapooia news letter.

Babcock Saylor is a featured artist at Gallery Calapooia for the month of August. A reception is scheduled for August 14, 2015.

Midsummer Arts Festival: attendance was similar to last year, 300-400 over the course of the day. Food and crafts were offered this year.

The Albany String Orchestra will be holding a concert Monday, August 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Hodney noted the City Council will be revisiting the 1% for Art ordinance at the next Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. Hodney will be preparing the item for the Council agenda, and encouraged the Commission to show representation in order to be a part of the conversation. Brief discussion followed.

Hodney informed the Commission of a story that recently ran in the *Albany Democrat-Herald*, and is on Facebook regarding the Albany Public Fountain spearheaded by Matt Dill. Dill is gathering interest in a fundraising project to establish a public fountain in one of the City's parks. Hodney will be meeting with Dill on the subject.

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

Debbie Little, Administrative Services Coordinator, Albany Parks & Recreation