



**CITY OF ALBANY  
ARTS COMMISSION**  
Willamette Room, Albany City Hall  
Tuesday, November 10, 2015  
3:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

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

Commission members absent: Melissa Babcock Saylor

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:** Chuck Leland moved to approve the October 13, 2015 minutes as presented. Scott Lawley seconded the motion, and it **passed** 5-0, with one abstaining.

**3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. 1% for Art Ordinance

City Council did not make any changes to the current ordinance; it will remain as is. Hodney noted the issue may come up again when the final budgets for the Police and Fire Department projects come in. Brief discussion followed.

b. Doorways Project

Tabled for future meeting

c. Oregon Arts Commission Art Summit

Cynthia Spencer-Hadlock from the City of Corvallis Arts & Culture Advisory Board reached out by email to the commissioners with an invitation to assist in the planning of the summit which will be held in Corvallis in the fall of 2016. The commissioners are interested in participating.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Linda will respond to Cynthia's email.

d. Corvallis Arts and Culture Advisory Board- Connect Event

Cynthia Spencer-Hadlock from the City of Corvallis Arts & Culture Advisory Board reached out by email to the commissioners with an invitation to attend the next event which is tentatively planned for Wednesday, January 13, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Oregon Cascades West Council of Government's office. The commissioners will attend as their schedule allows.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Linda will respond to Cynthia's email.

e. Going to Pots

Going to Pots was held October 15 -17, 2015. The event was down from last year; the Arts Commission portion of the sales was \$642.00; minus expenses, the Commission netted \$376.00. 14 potters participated. The commission discussed the possible connection with the Brewfest, a Boys & Girls Club event, which could lead to incorporating a contest for the potters to create a unique growler that could be auctioned off at the event. The Brewfest happens around the same time of year, and could generate more traffic. Brief discussion followed.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Commissioners can email ideas for next year's sale to Lynn.

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

None

**6. EXHIBITS**

Diane Widler Wenzel and George Andrus have each submitted an application to display in City Hall. The Commission reviewed the application and art sample submission.

**MOTION:** Chuck Leland moved to accept Diane Widler Wenzel and George Andrus to display in City Hall. Rinee Merritt seconded the motion, and it **passed** 6-0.

The reception for The Art of Fly Fishing, December's exhibit, will be held Tuesday, December 8, 2015 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in City Hall.

**7. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Linda noted the Brownsville Art Association will be submitting an application to display, and she suggested holding a cooperative reception with Gallery Calapooia to promote the artists and draw people from the rural areas.

Scott inquired about furthering the discussion about the possible GAPS performing arts center. Ed suggested inviting a GAPS representative to the next meeting to provide an update.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Scott will contact GAPS for a representative.

Scott asked for feedback on the Facebook page- Friends of Albany Arts and Culture, which is not an Arts Commission page, but a page for a group supporting arts in the community. He is thinking of changing the name and expanding the scope of the page.

Scott also would like to continue the discussion of the master plan in the future. Ed noted a basic foundation was started at the recent retreat, and moving forward, the commission could strategize how to advance the goals of the plan. The plan then becomes a set of recommendations to the City Council and a proposal for adoption into policy.

Lynn inquired about the Teen Art Show. In a previous meeting the commission decided not to hold the show this coming year. The Boys & Girls Club was exploring the idea of a creating a youth art program that would include an exhibit at City Hall with a reception.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Ed will follow up with John Andersen, Executive Director.

Jane is on an ad-hoc committee for performing arts which is looking at creating a clearinghouse website for information. The website would include links to theaters, art programs, and Facebook pages for art and the performing arts.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is December 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