



**CITY OF ALBANY
ARTS COMMISSION
Calapooia Room, Albany City Hall
Tuesday, December 08, 2015
3:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

Commission members absent: None

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

Guest present: Stuart Welsh, West Albany High School Band Director

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 November 10, 2015 minutes as presented. Scott Lawley seconded the motion, and it **passed** 7-0.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. GAPS Auditorium Project

Welsh provided background on the performing art center project that Greater Albany Public Schools is currently exploring. Research has indicated that one center will not be adequate, and therefore the supporters of the project are advocating for two centers, one at each high school. The two centers would allow community use. A facility review committee will be making a final recommendation to the school board as to whether the project should be included in the fall 2016 bond measure. Welsh noted a letter of support from the Arts Commission along with presence at the next school board meeting would be helpful. Brief discussion followed.

a. Boys & Girls Club of Albany - Children's Art Display

The Boys & Girls Club of Albany would like to display in January 2016. The show would start January 11, 2016, and would include a reception and awards. Winners would be chosen through a jury process conducted by the Arts Commission. January 22, 2016 is the preferred date for the reception. Winners at the local level would move on to compete at the national level. Brief discussion followed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ed will follow up with John Andersen.

5. ACTION ITEMS

None

6. EXHIBITS

Linda has communicated with Ellen Osterkamp, an instructor at Linn-Benton Community College (LBCC), regarding a display of work done by LBCC students. They will need to submit an application to display. She is also exploring the idea of showcasing the art of firefighting, and law enforcement in two separate displays with receptions where community members could meet firefighters and law enforcement officers.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Linda will contact both department Chiefs.

7. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

Scott reminded Commissioners to keep the art summit that will be taking place next fall in Corvallis on the radar. In a previous meeting, they expressed interested in participating.

Scott asked if any of the commissioners planned to attend the Corvallis Arts and Culture Advisory Board-Connect event. Rinee, Jane, Scott and Ed are planning to attend.

Jane noted the clearinghouse website for information about performing arts in the area is up and running. The site is www.spotlighthub.org.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 12, 2016 in the Calapooia Room in City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file

Debbie Little, Administrative Services Coordinator, Albany Parks & Recreation