



**CITY OF ALBANY
ARTS COMMISSION
Calapooia Room, Albany City Hall
Tuesday, March 08, 2016
3:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Commission members present: Linda Herd, Lynn Whitacre, Jane Donovan, Rinee Merritt, Scott Lawley, Melissa Babcock Saylor, Julie Jackson

Commission members absent: None

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: Melissa Babcock Saylor moved to approve the February 09, 2016 minutes as presented. Scott Lawley seconded the motion, and it **passed** 7-0.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Mural Project- HAC

Moved to next meeting

b. ACT Theater

Rinee has no new information.

c. Art & Jazz Festival

Julie and Melissa met with Peggy Burris, Executive Director of the Albany Downtown Association (ADA), about her idea of holding an Art & Jazz Festival in downtown Albany around mid-May. The ADA board will be reviewing concept and Peggy will provide Julie and Melissa an update. The festival would include local artists and musicians including students. Melissa did note that it would be difficult to hold the festival this year with such a short timeline. Brief discussion followed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Julie will follow-up with Peggy Burris.

d. Revisit June 2015 Retreat (Public Art Master Plan)

Further discussion is needed regarding development of the vision and initiatives generated from the June retreat, and how to accomplish them. Ed distributed a draft of an Action Plan for one of the initiatives developed by the sub-committee. Since Chuck Leland has left the commission, the sub-committee will now consist of Linda, Scott, Melissa, and Ed. A complete master plan could include events, the Albany Story, and a public art system for creation and placement of art in public places.

Commissioners identified areas on the current action plan they would like to work on.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ed will send a copy of the map with the locations identified by the Commission.

e. Connect

Ed reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming Connect meeting to continue discussion regarding the Creative Corridor. Corvallis Arts & Culture Advisory Board is hosting the meeting Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in Guistina Gallery at the LaSells Stewart Center.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ed will arrange a meeting to restart the planning process.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. New Officers - Election of Chair & Vice-Chair

The offices open are Chair and Vice-Chair.

Scott nominated Linda Herd for Chair, Rinee seconded the nomination. Linda nominated Scott Lawley for Vice-Chair, Jane seconded the nomination.

Vote: 6-0 vote for Linda Herd as Chair and Scott Lawley as Vice-Chair.

6. EXHIBITS

None

The Gallery Calapooia will be holding a retrospective show for Lynn Powers in June.

7. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

Ed has not received any new information regarding Police and Fire stations. Both projects are awaiting construction bids. Ed reminded the Commissioners that the draft concepts were endorsed at the September 08, 2015 meeting. Next steps may be determined by the construction bids and if the original concepts are kept. Linda suggested the commission gather information regarding cost of various artworks which could be presented as possible concepts for the use of the 1% for Art if needed. Brief discussion followed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Debbie will send out the September 08, 2015 minutes.

Oregon Summit of the Arts- Scott has spoken to Cynthia Spencer and the Oregon Arts Commission is the lead for the summit, but Cynthia will keep the Arts Commission in the loop for possible involvement.

Chocolate Fantasy- Scott will be volunteering with the event assisting with database development.

Art and Music Teachers for The Arts Center – no new information. Interested persons can contact John Byrne at The Arts Center.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly-scheduled meeting is April 12, 2016 in the Calapooia Room in City Hall. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file

Debbie Little, Administrative Services Coordinator, Albany Parks & Recreation