



**CITY OF ALBANY
ARTS COMMISSION
Calapooia Room, Albany City Hall
Tuesday, May 10, 2016
3:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Commission members present: Linda Herd, Jane Donovan, Scott Lawley, Melissa Babcock Saylor, Julie Jackson, Lynn Whitacre (3:36 p.m.), Rinee Merritt (3:36 p.m.)

Commission members absent: None

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

Guest present: Christina Larson, Architect for Albany Downtown Association design committee; Craig Hamnquist, Albany Civic Theater (ACT); Ken Long, President, ACT; Javier Cervantes, Hispanic Advisory Committee (HAC)

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 April 06, 2016 minutes as presented. Scott Lawley seconded the motion, and it **passed** 5-0.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Christina Larson presented information on the Albany Downtown Association's (ADA) plan to install two seasonal parklets. The concepts have been approved by CARA. ADA would like to incorporate local art into projects and is looking to the Arts Commission as a possible resource to recruit and vet artists. Brief discussion followed.

Ken Long of ACT is looking for assistance in finding local artists to display artwork during the theater's 10 shows a year. The space will accommodate 15 2-D pieces which would be on display 2-4 weeks. Melissa and Linda will inquire at Gallery Calapooia and put it the Gallery news letter. Brief discussion followed.

Craig Hamnquist is available for service in the areas of photography, computer graphics, QR code creation and as a videographer. He is self-funded (no fees). It was recommended that he contact ADA, Albany Visitors Association and the Linn County Expo Center also. Brief discussion followed.

Javier Cervantes advised the Commission of a concern within the Hispanic community regarding the lack of Latino representation in public art. The Hispanic population is growing in Albany, but is seemingly invisible. HAC has suggested a mural in the downtown area which could expose people to the diverse make-up of our community, and help the Hispanic population be more visible. HAC is willing to assist with finding a location and artist. Julie noted that a mural on historic buildings is a controversial subject within the Historic District and with the Landmarks Advisory Commission. Ed noted that the art in the new Sunrise Park is being designed specifically to benefit the local community. Brief discussion followed.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Status of Public Art Master Plan

Ed distributed the notes from the subcommittee's meeting on April 27, 2016, and the updated action plan. The action plan was developed to assist the Commission toward developing a master plan that can be presented to the City Council. Scott contacted Charlie Mitchell, consultant, regarding facilitation of the process to develop a master plan that has measurable impact. Brief discussion followed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Scott will follow-up with Charlie Mitchell.

b. Possible Stained Glass Art Project by Jeff Senders

Ed informed the Commission about a project that Jeff Senders proposed for City Hall several years ago that did not move forward. Ed spoke with Jeff, and he is looking to reintroduce the idea of creating a stained glass composition for City Hall. Ed directed him to work through the Arts Commission to develop a proposal that is articulated in a manner that could be moved forward to City Council. Ed recommended he attend a Commission meeting when he is ready to move forward. The installation would be a donation to the City. Brief discussion followed.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Art & Jazz Festival

The Albany Downtown Association is proceeding with an Art & Jazz Festival on May 14, 2016. Brief discussion followed.

6. EXHIBITS

Schedule is full through December 2016.

7. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

Rinee asked about name tags or badges for Commission members.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Debbie will create sample name badge.

The location previously used for the Going to Pots sales is no longer available. Lynn is looking into other locations. The viability of the event was discussed as it reaches a small audience, and profit is minimal. Ed suggested reinventing and expanding the event to reach a wider audience to help foster and promote the arts. Connecting it to another event and more advertising were also discussed.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly-scheduled meeting is June 14, 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