



**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 16, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Keizer Civic Center**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Kim Steen at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:

**Commissioners Present:**

Kim Steen, Chair  
Lore Christopher, Vice Chair  
Beth Melendy  
Laura Reid  
Kat Thoreson  
Felicia Squires  
Katie Klein, Student Committee Liaison

**Absent:**

Cole Mallette

**Staff Present:**

Adam Brown, City Manager  
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION:** Dawn Reichle Bailon on behalf of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee, thanked the Commissioners for their ongoing dedication and commitment to the City and distributed cookies as a token of appreciation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Beth Melendy moved for approval of the March 2023 Minutes. Laura Reid seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Christopher, Melendy, Reid, Thoreson and Squires in favor with Mallette absent.

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:** None

**GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE | June-July ~ Gary Hlastala:** Commission reviewed pieces submitted for display. Felicia Squires moved to accept all artwork as submitted. Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Melendy, Reid, Christopher, Squires and Thoreson in favor, with Mallette absent.

**CONSIDERATION OF RIC SMITH CONTRACT FOR ENTWINED:** Beth Melendy moved to enter into a new agreement with Ric Smith for Entwined for 2 years with option to renew for 2 years. Felicia Squires seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Christopher, Melendy, Reid, Thoreson and Squires in favor with Mallette absent.

**CONSIDERATION OF BOUCHER JEWELERS CONTRACT FOR PRECIOUS MEMORIES:** Beth Melendy moved to enter into a new agreement with Boucher Jewelers for 2 years with an option to renew for 2 years. Laura Reid seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Christopher, Melendy, Reid, Thoreson and Squires in favor with Mallette absent.

**BLOOMBERG PHILANTHROPIES ASPHALT ART:** Commissioners discussed this concept and agreed that it was too late to get into the current grant process but that they were interested in pursuing this in the future. The agreed that they wanted to focus next on the utility box painting. Felicia Squires volunteered to do additional research.

**ROUNABOUT ART UPDATE:** Lore Christopher reported that Smith & Steel is cutting the pieces this week with the intent to have them ready for powder coating by May 27-28. Rick Day is making the pads. The Commission agreed to pay \$390 for all four pads. Public Works will install the pads. Additional discussion took place regarding placing another cow with an explanatory sign about the cows near the north parking lot of Claggett Creek Park for another 'Insta-Art' site. Members decided to order the explanatory sign and get a 'stand up' foam board cow for display at the Birthday Party using funds in the 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday budget.

**PURCHASE ART WITH FY2022-23 REMAINING BUDGET:** \$981.65 less the \$390 expenditure for the roundabout pads = \$591.65. Motions were made, seconded and passed to purchase the following pieces – all from Tara Choate:

|    | NAME OF PIECE                         | ARTIST      | PRICE |
|----|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| 1. | Fast Friends                          | Tara Choate | 100   |
| 2. | Grab the Ring                         | Tara Choate | 100   |
| 3. | The Blue Bandana                      | Tara Choate | 100   |
| 4. | You Have My Rapt Attention            | Tara Choate | 100   |
|    | Pop Fly (Alternate)                   | Tara Choate | 100   |
|    | Portrait of a Lady (Alternate)        | Tara Choate | 100   |
| *  | Clouds Over Redhawk                   | Tara Choate | 100   |
| *  | You Can Taste the Lavender Undertones | Tara Choate | 100   |

\*To be displayed in lobby next to 'Vines'

Staff was asked to contact Ms. Choate and see if she would take less for the paintings. If not, Beth Melendy volunteered to donate the difference.

**PGE CONTACT REGARDING UTILITY BOX PAINTING:** City Manager Adam Brown reported that he had talked to Brian Martin, the Interim Public Works Director for Salem, and he is going to talk with his staff. Mr. Brown indicated that he thought that with the support of the City Manager the Commission should develop a program and figure out how they want to accomplish this. Laura Reid indicated that she would talk to the Art teachers (Todd Layton and Mark Kohley) at McNary. Staff indicated that Pronto Signs in Keizer does wraps.

**REVIEW OF ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET:** Addressed above.

**STUDENT/EMERGING ARTIST DISPLAY:** Student Liaison Katherine Klein reported that she had distributed business cards to prospective student artists at McNary but had not heard back from anyone.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Kim Steen read a thankyou note from Chris Patterson, winner of the 2023 Art Card Contest. | A card was signed by all Commissioners and given to Katherine Klein, Youth Committee Liaison for the Commission, along with a gift card. | Felicia Squires agreed to handle getting the printing done for the Holiday Card in the fall.

Beth Melendy will report to Council on June 5.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

***Next Meeting: July 18, 2023***

Minutes approved: \_\_\_\_\_