



**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 15, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chair Beth Melendy at 6:06 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:

Commissioners Present:

Beth Melendy, Chair
Kim Steen, Vice Chair
Lore Christopher
Elizabeth Smith, Councilor
Felicia Squires

Youth Committee Liaison/Youth Councilor:

Sydney Snapp/Anne Farris

Absent: One position vacant

Maritza Gonzalez

Staff Present:

Nate Brown, Community Development Director
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR: Beth Melendy and Kim Steen were re-elected by unanimous consent as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lore Christopher moved to approve the November 2018 Minutes. Kim Steen seconded. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Steen and Christopher in favor with Smith and Squires abstaining, one position vacant and Gonzalez absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: Commissioners introduced themselves to new members Elizabeth Smith and Felicia Squires who then provided a brief introduction about themselves.

GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE: Commissioners reviewed artwork by Joel Nickel including late submissions submitted after the packet had been sent out.

Lore Christopher moved to approve all of the artwork submitted for display by Joel Nickel for the February-March display time period. Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Steen, Christopher, Smith and Squires in favor with one position vacant and Gonzalez absent.

KEIZER CULTURAL HISTORY POLE PROJECT: Lore Christopher reviewed the history of the project for the benefit of the new members. She then reported that she had written Oregon Community Foundation explaining that the project was having trouble meeting its timeline because of the difficulty of getting a local artist and asking for an extension which was granted.

Community Development Director Nate Brown provided additional information to the new members and then announced that the revised Request for Proposals was complete. It was distributed to Commissioners for review. He reviewed the changes noting that it basically says "What can you accomplish for \$10,000?". It also includes one year of maintenance and addresses all the issues identified at the last meeting.

Lore Christopher moved to reopen the Request for Proposals for the cultural history poles no later than February 15 pending concerns voiced by Commissioners by January 18. Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Steen, Christopher, Smith and Squires in favor with one position vacant and Gonzalez absent.

Discussion followed regarding the condition of the trees. Mr. Brown noted that the tops are showing decay. Ms. Christopher noted that the artists who have checked the trees have indicated that the top foot or so would likely need to be removed before carving could take place. If the decay is below that point it would affect whether or not the project could be completed.

REVIEW OF HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST PARTICIPATION: Beth Melendy reported on the presentation of the award done at the Holiday Tree Lighting event and urged that Commission support continuing with this project. Staff was directed to put this on the August agenda. Mr. Brown reminded Commissioners that they would need to submit a budget request to Finance Director prior to the Budget meetings in May.

STUDENT/EMERGING ARTIST SOLICITATION: Commission reviewed submissions from Sydney Snapp, Katana Hamilton and Gerry Villani.

Lore Christopher moved to accept the submissions by all three artists. Kim Steen seconded. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Steen, Christopher, Smith and Squires in favor with one position vacant and Gonzalez absent.

Schedule: Snapp/Hamilton: now through the end of February. Villani: March/April.

STAFF REPORT: None.

YOUTH LIAISON REPORT: None.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 19, 2019

Minutes approved: 04-23-19