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
- Maritza Gonzalez
- Dakota Saunders
- Felicia Squires

**Youth Committee Liaison/Youth Councilor:**
- Sydney Snapp/Anne Farris

**Absent:**
- Lore Christopher
- Elizabeth Smith, Councilor

**Staff Present:**
- Nate Brown, Community Development Director
- Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION: Trish Crenshaw from the Volunteer Coordinating Committee thanked the Commissioners for their continued volunteer efforts and dedication to the City and distributed cookies as a token of appreciation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kim Steen moved to approve the January 2019 Minutes. Felicia Squires seconded. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Steen and Squires in favor with Gonzalez and Saunders abstaining and Christopher and Smith absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: New member Dakota Saunders was welcomed to the commission.

GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE: Chair Melendy noted that Salem Keizer Education Foundation artwork was on display and urged everyone to check out the display.

KEIZER CULTURAL HISTORY POLE PROJECT: Community Development Director Nate Brown provided information regarding the proposal and how it was going to be dealt with so that the Commission could move forward with the project. He noted that Council will address an ‘exception’ at the May 6 meeting and then the project can move forward, but the Commission must first approve the artist’s concept. He suggested that instead of the proposed carved school bell, the museum be approached to see if the actual school bell (housed in the museum) could be placed on top of the pole.

Kim Steen noted that Lore Christopher had indicated a desire to get input from high school students on the design. Commissioners expressed opposition to this idea noting that input was received from a variety of citizens in earlier public outreach meetings and that the artist would likely be opposed to having his design altered.
Discussion followed regarding sculpting, details, preservation, and completion within the allotted hours. Commissioners indicated that they thought Lore Christopher would be the most appropriate representative to approach the museum regarding using the bell on the cultural pole.

Kim Steen moved that the Keizer Public Arts Commission recommend Council accept the design of 3-D Art & Chainsaw Sculptures for one of the cultural poles at the Civic Center with the possibility, if feasible, of incorporating the actual school bell. Dakota Saunders seconded. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Steen, Squires, Gonzalez and Saunders in favor with Christopher and Smith absent.

Mr. Brown added that it was imperative that the second pole be preserved immediately otherwise it will need to be taken down. Discussion followed regarding securing funds to carve the next pole.

**BUDGET PROPOSAL:** Commission agreed that since they have been allotted $3,000 and they only used $600 last year, they were good with ‘status quo’ for the next year.

**STUDENT/EMERGING ARTIST SOLICITATION:** Sydney Snapp reported that she did not get any buyers from her display in February but that she thought Katana may have gotten a response from someone.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Chair Melendy reported that at least 4 pieces of art on River Road do not have plaques. Kim Steen and Beth Melendy volunteered to inventory them all and forward to Nate a list of those needing new plaques. Dakota Saunders volunteered to give Nate information regarding a possible lower cost vendor.

**STAFF REPORT:** None.

**YOUTH LIAISON REPORT:** Sydney Snapp indicated that she would check with other students to see if they were interested in displaying on the Student Artist wall. She will be graduating this year.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

*Next Meeting: May 21, 2019*

*Minutes approved: 5-21-19*