



**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 28, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chair Beth Melendy at 6:03 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:

Commissioners Present:

Beth Melendy, Chair
Kim Steen, Vice Chair
Jeremy Vargas
Andrea Madison
Anne Farris, Youth Committee
Liaison

Absent:

Felicia Squires
Lore Christopher
Elizabeth Smith

Staff Present:

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

ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR: Postponed until next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Andrea Madison moved to approve the November 2019 Minutes. Jeremy Vargas seconded. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Steen, Madison and Vargas in favor with Smith, Christopher and Squires absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None.

PEACE POLE PROPOSAL: Pat Fisher, Keizer, Community Service Chair of Rotary E-Club of One World shared information about the Peace Pole Project and explained that the idea is to partner with the local Rotary and possibly with other community organizations to plan peace poles in Keizer in meaningful, prominent places in the community. International Rotary Working Towards Peace (in Oregon) is subsidizing the cost. She would work with them and the Keizer Rotary. She explained that she came to KPAC to get approval of locations and suggested that one could be placed at the Cultural Center, Civic Center, Keizer Rotary Amphitheater in Keizer Rapids Park, and the Focal Point to start with. Mr. Brown explained that if this is something KPAC wants to support, he would come back with the easiest way possible to implement this.

Kim Steen moved to support the Peace Pole Project and ask staff to identify how to implement the program. Andrea Madison seconded. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Steen, Madison and Vargas in favor with Smith, Christopher and Squires absent.

GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE: Approval of Joel Nickel art for February-March. Kim Steen moved for approval of all the artwork submitted by Joel Nickel for the February-March display slot. Jeramy Vargas seconded. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Steen, Madison and Vargas in favor with Smith, Christopher and Squires absent. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of a stained-glass display done by students of Commissioner Madison.

IRON GLORY CONTRACT EXTENSION: Kim Steen moved that the agreement for Iron Glory be renewed for one year with an additional one-year extension. Jeramy Vargas seconded. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Steen, Madison and Vargas in favor with Smith, Christopher and Squires absent.

ARTISTS IN ACTION CONTACT: Lore Christopher had submitted a written report indicating that she had made several unsuccessful attempts to contact the group but would continue her efforts.

DISPLAY CASE FOR CARVINGS: Nate Brown reported that he had talked with the City's Facilities & Maintenance technician (who used to be a cabinet maker) and gotten a 'ballpark estimate' of \$4,000 to make the display case deeper. He had recommended a free-standing case, but in order to match the rest of the building it would need to be out of Cherry which would be expensive. Following discussion, the Commission agreed by consensus to postpone pursuing this further until there is more interest.

BANNER ART – REVIEW OF BEND BANNERS: Nat Brown reported that the City of Bend has nothing to do with the banners. The banners in the downtown area and in the Old Mill District are paid for and managed through business associations. He provided details regarding specifications and cost of the banners and brackets and suggested that perhaps the idea could be pitched to the Chamber. Following discussion Commission agreed by consensus to table this indefinitely but noted that they are committed to the plan to create a sense of place along the City corridors as recommended in the Keizer Revitalization Plan and want to work toward this goal and *include these in the Arts Master Plan.*

INSTA-ART, ROUNDAABOUT ART, UTILITY BOX ART: Discussion took place regarding these art forms as well as murals; the possible locations for them; and the need to have them *included in the Arts Master Plan.* Chair Melendy suggested the possibility of a 'pixelated mural' on the Sherwin-Williams building, with community artists getting assigned a space to fill with their work in certain tones of a single color to complete an overall image on the wall.

STUDENT/EMERGING ARTIST SOLICITATION: No action/candidates.

ARTS MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT: Commissioners discussed the Arts Master Plan and considered the mission statement 'Promoting public art through pride, spirit and volunteerism'. An executive summary has been drafted but it is too long; a template is being used and ideas gathered. Commissioners were urged to consider the budget:

how works of art will be implemented and a timetable. A list of art currently in place should be included along with the artist, value, cost of maintenance, contract terms, etc.

OTHER BUSINESS: Commission discussed the second cultural history pole noting that they thought some or all of the funding had been secured for it but contact has not been made with the artist that did the first pole. Nate Brown suggested that the Commission come up with a design and indicated that he would contact Lore Christopher to have her contact the artist. Beth Melendy moved that Lore Christopher contact Oregon 3-D Art and Chainsaw Sculptures LLC to work out details for the second cultural history pole. Andrea Madison seconded. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Steen, Madison and Vargas in favor with Smith, Christopher and Squires absent.

Nate Brown shared an email from Lore Christopher suggesting that perhaps the Commission should solicit artists currently displaying their works to see if they want to display additional pieces. Beth Melendy moved to ask staff to send solicitation letters to artists that currently have sculptures displayed asking if they have additional pieces they would like to display. Kim Steen seconded. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Steen, Madison and Vargas in favor with Smith, Christopher and Squires absent.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 17, 2020

Minutes approved: 05-20-20