



**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, May 20, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Keizer Civic Center**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Virtual Zoom Meeting was called to order by Chair Beth Melendy at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:

**Commissioners Present:**

Beth Melendy, Chair  
Kim Steen, Vice Chair  
Andrea Madison  
Felicia Squires  
Lore Christopher  
Elizabeth Smith  
Anne Farris, Youth Committee Liaison

**Absent:**

One position vacant

**Staff Present:**

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

**ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR:** Kim Steen and Beth Melendy were elected by unanimous consent as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. Ms. Melendy continued to chair this meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** ~ Lore Christopher moved to approve the January and February 2020 minutes. Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed as follows:

1/28/20: Melendy, Steen and Madison in favor, Squires, Christopher and Smith abstaining and one position vacant. 2/26/20: Steen, Madison and Squires in favor with Melendy, Christopher and Smith abstaining and one position vacant.

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS** ~ None

**GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE** ~ Lore Christopher reported that the Colored Pencil Society had displayed in a small Portland gallery. She indicated that she would reach out to them to see if they wanted to come back to the Keizer Gallery.

Staff was directed to send letters to artists that had displayed in the past to see if they would like to display their work again.

**2020 HOLIDAY ART CARD CONTEST** ~ Two submissions were received: Amaryllis Minerva by Sue Ranseen and Keizer Holiday Tree Lighting by Jennifer Owens. Discussion followed regarding both works with focus being on which submission better depicted the holiday in Keizer. Lore Christopher moved that the Keizer Public Arts Commission select the Keizer Holiday Tree Lighting submission by Jennifer Owens for the holiday card. Andi Madison seconded. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Steen, Madison, Christopher and Smith in favor, Squires opposed and one position vacant.

**PEACE POLE PROJECT** ~ Nate Brown reported that he had informed Pat Fisher that if the Peace Poles were placed on private property they would not have to be approved by the Commission but if they are placed on public property they would. Commissioners indicated that they were in favor of the poles but did not want to fund them or put them in one of the areas they have reserved for sculptures. They were in favor of putting multiple poles at the focal point.

**STORY POLE II STATUS** ~ Lore Christopher reported that all the funding has been secured except the last \$3,000. It is hoped that Rotary will donate that amount so that the pole can be called 'The Rotary Pole'. Rotary is waiting on committing to make sure there are not more imminent needs in the community due to Covid-19. Currently 3D Chainsaw Art is planning on carving the last week of June through the first week of July. The Rotary Board will meet prior to that. Discussion followed regarding payment to 3D, securing the final \$3,000, honoring agriculture with this pole, and making sure that the artist has the concept sketch.

**ARTIST SOLICITATION FOR ADDITIONAL PIECES** ~ Lore volunteered to contact the artists currently displaying on River Road. Staff to give her contact information.

**MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT** ~ Andi Madison reported that she had nothing new but volunteered to send what she has to the Commission for their review and input.

**KEIZER ART ASSOCIATION CIVIC CENTER GALLERY MANAGEMENT** ~ Lore Christopher provided information about upcoming KAA shows and how the rotation would work at the Community Center Gallery. Staff directed attention to the changes made in the Arts Commission policies which would allow for this. Lore Christopher moved that the Keizer Public Arts Commission adopt the updated policies. Kim Steen seconded. Motion passed as follows: Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Steen, Madison, Christopher, Squires and Smith in favor with one position vacant.

**STUDENT EMERGING ARTIST DISPLAY** ~ No candidates. Andi Madison indicated that she may know of some emerging artists who would like to display.

**OTHER BUSINESS** ~ Commission will meet in person in July.

**STAFF LIAISON REPORT** ~ Mr. Brown announced that he will be retiring at the end of May and bid the Commission a fond farewell.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

***Next Meeting: July 21, 2020***

*Minutes approved: 07-21-20*