



**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, November 10, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Keizer Civic Center**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Kim Steen at 5:00 p.m.  
Attendance was noted as follows:

**Commissioners Present:**

Kim Steen, Chair  
Beth Melendy, Vice Chair  
Andrea Madison  
Lore Christopher  
Michele Roland-Schwartz  
Felicia Squires

**Absent:**

Elizabeth Smith

**Staff Present:**

Chris Eppley, City Manager  
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** ~ Beth Melendy moved to approve the October 2020 minutes. Lore Christopher seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, Squires, Melendy, Christopher and Roland-Schwartz in favor with Smith absent.

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS** ~ None

**GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE:** Committee members reviewed photographs of the quilts. Lore Christopher moved to approve all the quilts submitted. Michele Roland-Schwartz seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, Squires, Melendy, Christopher and Roland-Schwartz in favor with Smith absent.

**UPDATE HOLIDAY CARD SUBMISSION FORM FOR 2021 CONTEST:** Final submission date was changed to March 1. Other dates suggested by staff and included in the packet were approved. Lore Christopher moved to approve the Holiday Card Submission Form as amended. Andrea Madison seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, Squires, Melendy, Christopher and Roland-Schwartz in favor with Smith absent.

**K-9 OFFICER STATUE** ~ Beth Melendy reported that her research indicated that the cost for a bronze life-size dog would be approximately \$18-20,000. Officer Jefferson is going to check his sources to see if there is that much available. Ms. Melendy indicated that she had suggested that an alternative might be a wooden statue carved by a local chainsaw artist. She noted that City Attorney Shannon Johnson had informed her that installation of the pad for the statue would cost \$800-1,000 but she thought it would be less because two were installed by Sonic and that involved traffic control and didn't cost that much. She expects it to be \$400-500. The City has two pads. The other one could be used for the eagle.

**POSSIBLE NEW SCULPTURE STATUS:** Lore Christopher reported that she had contacted the Schoolhouse Square owners and they loved the idea of placing a sculpture on their property but were concerned about visibility. Ms. Christopher assured them that since Public Works would be installing it, they would make sure that it did not create a hazard. She added that the Keizer Community Foundation Board is meeting soon and she will approach them about getting the eagle. If they approve it, then the artist can work with the City Attorney. The stipend is \$500 for the first year and \$200 each year thereafter, however, she is going to ask them to increase the yearly stipend by \$50 making it \$250 each year.

**STORY POLE PRESERVATION UPDATE:** Lore Christopher reported that she had talked to the artists who did the first pole but they are unavailable. She indicated that she would approach the artist who did the second pole about applying the preservative on both poles.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS ~**

- Youth Liaison Isabella Biondi was welcomed to the committee. She shared information about herself with the Commission. Lore Christopher urged her to find student artists to display on the Student/Emerging Artist wall in the gallery.
- Andrea Madison pointed out that the display in the case in the lobby was only for two months and questioned if it could stay in longer.

Lore Christopher moved to suspend the rules to address business not on the agenda. Michele Roland-Schwartz seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, Squires, Melendy, Christopher and Roland-Schwartz in favor with Smith absent.

Lore Christopher moved to request that the Legal Department amend the artist contract to extend the display period through January 19. Michele Roland-Schwartz seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, Squires, Melendy, Christopher and Roland-Schwartz in favor with Smith absent.

- Beth Melendy reported that she would be getting the Holiday Card ordered next week.

**Next meeting:** Because Council will be meeting at 7 on January 19, the Commission agreed to meet at 5 so that their meeting would be over in time for Council to meet.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

***Next Meeting: January 19, 2021***

*Minutes approved: 01-19-21*