



**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 19, 2021 @ 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  
Laura Reid (5:24)

**Staff Present:**

Chris Eppley, City Manager  
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

**ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR** ~ Lore Christopher nominated Kim Steen and Beth Melendy as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. Michele Roland-Schwartz seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, Squires, Melendy, Christopher and Roland-Schwartz in favor with Reid absent at time of vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** ~ Beth Melendy moved to approve the November 2020 minutes. Andrea Madison seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, Squires, Melendy, Christopher and Roland-Schwartz in favor with Reid absent at time of vote.

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS** ~ None

**GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE:** Committee members reviewed photographs of the artwork. Michele Roland-Schwartz moved to approve all the pieces submitted. Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, Squires, Melendy, Christopher and Roland-Schwartz in favor with Reid absent at time of vote.

**PEACE POLE DESIGN APPROVAL:** Pat Fisher provided information and history of the development of the project. She noted that she had worked with Parks staff to determine best park locations. Beth Melendy moved for approval of the Peace Pole design. Michele Roland-Schwartz seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Steen, Madison, Squires, Melendy, Christopher, Reid and Roland-Schwartz in favor.

**STUDENT/EMERGING ARTIST DISPLAY – Biondi Submission:** Student Liaison Isabella Biondi shared details on her submissions. Lore Christopher moved to approve the pieces submitted by Isabella Biondi for display on the Student/ Emerging Artist wall. Andrea Madison seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Steen, Madison, Squires, Melendy, Christopher, Reid and Roland-Schwartz in favor.

**POSSIBLE NEW SCULPTURE STATUS:** Lore Christopher reported that she had been working with the Schoolhouse Square owners and the City Legal Department and that it looked like the contract would be finalized in March so the Jim Johnson Eagle could be installed after that. Additionally, Joseph Mross had shown an interest in displaying another piece on River Road. He wanted to see possible locations with the idea that he might create something specifically for that location. Staff will send photographs and map to Ms. Christopher so she can forward to Mr. Mross.



Ms. Christopher shared information about a Sasquatch sculpture she had ordered and suggested that something similar would be good to display at Keizer Rapids Park in the amphitheater patio area. It would need to be preserved annually along with the Story Poles. Fund raising would be necessary to pay for it. The artist (James, who did the second story pole) indicated that the cost would be \$1500-\$2000 installed. A new pad would have to be poured for it. Commission agreed that this should be included in the Master Plan for 2022.

**K-9 OFFICER STATUE** ~ Beth Melendy reported that she had been unable to reach Officer Jefferson but would continue trying. It does not look like this will happen in June as originally planned. It is her understanding that Officer Jefferson had possible donors so there has been no other efforts made to raise the money. Mr. Eppley interjected that the City often receives generous donations for the K-9 program. Ms. Christopher pointed out that the community has always generously supported the K-9 program so fundraising may not be necessary.

**MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT** ~ Andrea Madison reported that she needed a template to finalize the Arts Master Plan. Staff will send her a portion of the Parks Master Plan in Word format.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Ratification by Motion of Chair Decision for Tonight's In-Person meeting:** Andrea Madison moved to ratify the decision of the Chair to hold tonight's meeting in person. Michele Roland-Schwartz seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Steen, Madison, Squires, Melendy, Christopher, Reid and Roland-Schwartz in favor.
- **Next Meeting: March 16, 2021 Virtual or In-Person?** Beth Melendy moved to hold future Arts Commission meetings in person, following State guidelines, until otherwise mandated. Andrea Madison seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Steen, Madison, Squires, Melendy, Christopher, Reid and Roland-Schwartz in favor.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

***Next Meeting: March 16, 2021 – IN PERSON***

*Minutes approved:* 03-16-21