



**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 16, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chair Kim Steen at 6:00 p.m.
Attendance was noted as follows:

Commissioners Present:

Kim Steen, Chair
Andrea Madison
Lore Christopher (6:06)
Michele Roland-Schwartz
Felicia Squires
Laura Reid

Absent:

Beth Melendy, Vice Chair
Chris Eppley, City Manager

Staff Present:

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ Laura Reid moved to approve the January 2021 minutes. Andrea Madison seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, Squires, Reid and Roland-Schwartz in favor with Christopher absent at time of vote and Melendy absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS ~ None

GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE: Committee members reviewed photographs of the artwork. Andrea Madison moved to approve all the pieces submitted by Joel Nickel for display during April and May 2021. Michele Roland-Schwartz seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, Squires, Reid and Roland-Schwartz in favor with Christopher absent at time of vote and Melendy absent.

REVIEW OF HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST SUBMISSIONS: Commissioners reviewed submissions. Lore Christopher moved to approve the piece named 'Holly' submitted by Sherree Rodriguez for the 2021 Holiday Card. Michele Roland-Schwartz seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, Squires, Christopher and Roland-Schwartz in favor with Reid opposed and Melendy absent.

Lore Christopher moved to send thankyou letters to all artists who submitted pieces for the contest and to include a \$20 Michaels gift card and to notify the winner of the contest and give her a \$100 Michaels gift card and invite her to the first Council meeting in December (December 6) to be recognized. Laura Reid seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, Squires, Reid, Christopher and Roland-Schwartz in favor with Melendy absent.

POSSIBLE NEW SCULPTURE (EAGLE) STATUS: Staff reported that the easement had been secured from Bloch Schoolhouse LLC. Kim Steen indicated that she would take the next steps to get the piece installed.

K-9 OFFICER STATUE ~ Beth Melendy reported (via text) that she had emailed Jefferson and not heard back. She suggested that this be tabled until he indicates that he wants to pursue the project.

Lore Christopher moved to table discussion regarding the K-9 sculpture until further notice. Andrea Madison seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, Squires, Reid, Christopher and Roland-Schwartz in favor with Melendy absent.

MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT ~ Commission asked Youth Committee Liaison Isabelle Biondi to develop some artwork for the master plan document. Lore Christopher suggested that Isabelle Biondi submit a proposal for painting some insta-art on area walls. She specifically mentioned a wall near the Big Toy in Keizer Rapids Park.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed sasquatch sculpture to be done by James Lukinich who has indicated he would carve it for \$1500-\$2000 which includes installation and which could be paid for from the Arts Commission budget.

Lore Christopher moved to include in the Master Plan draft short term projects the dedication of the story poles with signboards, an insta-art project, and replacement of the K-9 sculpture with the sasquatch statue to be placed in Keizer Rapids Park. Laura Reid seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, Squires, Reid, Christopher and Roland-Schwartz in favor with Melendy absent.

Additional discussion took place regarding how to fund future art and possible grants. Michele Roland-Schwartz volunteered to assist with writing a grant request. Lore Christopher suggested she contact Kelly Walther to see what might be available.

Commissioners agreed that they hoped to have the Master Plan completed for their approval at the May meeting and then send it to Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

Lore Christopher moved that each person on the Commission take a turn reporting to Council. Laura Reid seconded. Motion passed as follows: Madison, Squires, Reid, Christopher and Roland-Schwartz in favor, Steen opposed and Melendy absent.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2021 – IN PERSON

Minutes approved: 05-18-21