



**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 20, 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
Beth Melendy, Vice Chair
Andrea Madison
Lore Christopher (via phone)
Felicia Squires
Laura Reid

Absent:

Michele Roland-Schwartz

Staff Present:

Wes Hare, Interim City Manager
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ Beth Melendy moved to approve the June 2021 minutes. Andrea Madison seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, and Christopher in favor with Melendy, Squires and Reid abstaining and Roland-Schwartz absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS – None

ENRIQUE SEPULVEDA UTILITY BOX ART – Mr. Sepulveda circulated proposed artwork and poetry for the utility box at River and Lockhaven. Commissioners suggested modifying the pink flower to look more like a purple iris and indicated that at the present time they are focusing strictly on visual art so they did not want to include the poem, but that it might be an option on future projects. They urged Mr. Sepulveda to submit his proposed work to staff to be forwarded to the Commission. When the Commission gets a concept they approve, they will approach Council for support and then approach the utility companies for permission.

DIDIER PLANELL MOSAIC ART - Lore Christopher explained that the City Attorney had told her that once the Commission has a proposal and the costs are determined, they can look for grants and fundraise. Mr. Planell has submitted a proposal for \$11,200 for 80 square feet of mosaic at the splash fountain.

Lore Christopher moved to forward the proposal from Didier Planell to Council to get approval for placing mosaic art on the vertical surfaces of the concrete walls/seats at the Splash Fountain, seeking grants and fundraising. Laura Reid seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, Christopher, Melendy, Squires and Reid in favor with Roland-Schwartz absent.

GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE: Commission discussed various pieces submitted. Lore Christopher moved to approve all work submitted by Geraldine Goetz for display in the Keizer Community Gallery in August and September. Laura Reid seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, Christopher, Melendy, Squires and Reid in favor with Roland-Schwartz absent.

SELECTION OF NEW ART PAD SITE FOR IRON GLORY: Commissioners reviewed possible location for placement of Iron Glory when it is ready to be put on display again. Lore Christopher moved to recommend the southwest corner of River and Juedes for the replacement location for Iron Glory. Laura Reid seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, Christopher, Melendy, Squires and Reid in favor with Roland-Schwartz absent.

UPDATE ON ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUNDS: Interim City Manager Wes Hare reported that the City is still awaiting final determination on what is eligible for these funds and that Council is going to have a work session to discuss what to do with the funds on August 23.

SASQUATCH – KEIZER RAPIDS PARK: Discussion took place on the size and demeanor of the piece. Felicia Squires noted that her husband had pointed out that no one knows what it really looks like; it is a mystery. Lore Christopher explained that the artist had intentionally made the expression benign so that it would not scare the children and they would feel comfortable climbing on it and posing for pictures near it. She added that the artist is going to add a log with Keizer Rapids Park carved on it in order to make this another Insta-Art project. He also suggested that a couple of large boulders nearby would add to the picture quality.

STORY POLE DEDICATION PLANNING: Beth Melendy moved to have the story pole signs placed midway on the north-south walkway between the poles on opposite sides across from each other, one facing east and one facing west. Laura Reid seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, Christopher, Melendy, Squires and Reid in favor with Roland-Schwartz absent.

Following discussion Commission decided to hold the dedication in conjunction with the Keizer Cultural Center re-opening celebration. Formal invitations will be sent to Oregon Arts Commission, Keizer Community Foundation, Marion Cultural Development Corporation and Keizer Rotary.

Lore Christopher moved to hold the Story Pole Dedication on September 18, 2021 at 11 a.m. and to send invitations to the funders and to ask Keizertimes to be present as well. Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Madison, Christopher, Melendy, Squires and Reid in favor with Roland-Schwartz absent.

GRANT EFFORTS: No report

MASTER PLAN UPDATE:

- **Mural Graffiti Coating Update:** Lore Christopher reported that her husband and Randy Miller will apply the coating. Staff reported that two 5-gallon containers of the coating had been found in the Public Works Shop. Public Works Director is checking to see if it is still good to use. It was agreed that someone would keep track of how much is used in the application so that that information can be included in the Master Plan for future reference. The coating was paid for out of the Arts Commission line item.
- **Skate Park Painting:** Kim Steen reported that she had looked into other skate parks that were painted. Portland has one under a bridge that is painted with graffiti but the painting was not sanctioned by the City and the City is not involved in the upkeep. The park in Eugene is not painted. It is pressure washed twice a year.
- **Mural Program:** Kim Steen reported that Eugene has a Mural Program that Keizer might want to consider emulating in the future.
- **Biondi Project:** Kim Steen provided an update of the progress of the Insta-Art Project at Keizer Rapids Park. She noted that "All paint donated by Keizer Sherwin-Williams" will be put on the wall. Isabella expects to have the project complete by August 6.

STUDENT/EMERGING ARTIST DISPLAY: Andrea Madison reported that the stained glass artist was not interested in displaying again. Beth Melendy volunteered to check with her daughter to see if she wanted to display again.

OTHER BUSINESS

Reporting to Council: Kim Steen will report at the August 2 Council meeting.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 24, 2021

Minutes approved: 08-24-21