



**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 26, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.
Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chair Kim Steen at 5:35 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:

Commissioners Present:

Kim Steen, Chair
Beth Melendy, Vice Chair
Laura Reid
Lore Christopher

Absent:

Felicia Squires
Two Positions Vacant

Staff Present:

Adam Brown, City Manager
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May & June 2022: Lore Christopher moved for approval of the May and June 2022 Minutes. Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Melendy, Reid and Christopher in favor, Squires absent and two positions vacant.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: Cole Malette introduced himself noting that his artwork was being considered for display on the Emerging Artists wall and that the Volunteer Coordinating Committee recommendation for his appointment to the Commission was on the August 1 Council agenda.

REARRANGING COMMUNITY CENTER ARTWORK: Lore Christopher moved that the Keizer Public Arts Commission rearrange the city-owned artwork currently on display predominantly in the lobby to new areas with the assistance of a city employee and with a member of KPAC present. Laura Reid seconded.

Discussion probable on locations: Wallace House plaque to north entrance where 'Party Girls' is now displayed, landscapes ('Early Spring' and 'Peaceful Path') to Council (east and west panels closest to dais), flag on east wall of lobby, 'Party Girls' to west wall of lobby (after moving flag), 'Vines to Wine' to west wall (after moving Wallace House plaque), and student art on wall across from Police Department (after moving 'Early Spring').

Motion passed as follows: Steen, Melendy, Reid and Christopher in favor, Squires absent and two positions vacant.

IRIS FESTIVAL/KEIZERFEST AUGUST-SEPTEMBER ANNUAL DISPLAY: Lore Christopher moved to set aside August-September display slot in the Gallery annually for display of Iris Festival/KeizerFEST art. Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Melendy, Reid and Christopher in favor, Squires absent and two positions vacant.

GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE | August-September Larry Gross Art: Commission reviewed pieces submitted for display and discussed the possibility of excluding some due to

religious content. City Manager Adam Brown suggested that they all be approved because exclusion might be interpreted as discriminating against Christianity.

Lore Christopher moved to accept all artwork as submitted. Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Melendy, Reid and Christopher in favor, Squires absent and two positions vacant.

GRANT EFFORTS/ROSALIE'S COWS UPDATE: Lore Christopher reported that she had been in contact with Smith & Steel and the projected installation will be June of 2023. Names of the cows will be carved in the support piece of each cow. Names will be 'Rosalie' and 'Elsie'. Ms. Christopher suggested that another be named 'Audrey' after the President of the Keizer Foundation. Discussion followed regarding a possible contest or fundraiser to name the remaining cow. It was noted that \$2,000 to pay the artist for her concept would be paid from the KPAC budget.

Kim Steen volunteered to call Michele Roland-Schwartz to get an update on the grant efforts.

SPLASH FOUNTAIN MOSAIC UPDATE: Everyone praised the completed project. Staff was asked to find out what sort of maintenance will be required so that KPAC can set aside funds for whatever is needed.

OPAL FRICKE AWARD PRESENTATION VIDEO UPDATE: Video was shown. Discussion took place regarding frames for completed artwork. Committee members will purchase black frames and the ones currently being used will be used to give to the winning artists over the next few years.

PGE CONTACT REGARDING UTILITY BOX PAINTING: No report

EAGLE SCULPTURE PURCHASE UPDATE: Staff reported that Legal Department has been in touch with the artist and he is willing to sell the Cold, Wet Eagle. Legal and Mr. Johnson are currently working to determine a time to get together to sign papers and pay. Legal has been in contact with Mr. Bloch and he is still willing to donate \$5,000 towards the purchase but wants an agreement in place which guarantees that the Eagle will stay in its current location. Legal is working on that now.

REVIEW OF ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET: Commission reviewed and asked that notes be added at the bottom of the table for any art-related expenditures not taken from the KPAC budget.

STUDENT/EMERGING ARTIST DISPLAY – Jonathan Graf and Cole Mallette: Artwork from both artists was reviewed. Beth Melendy moved that works of Cole Mallette be displayed on the Emerging Artist wall in August/September and that works by Jonathan Graf be displayed on the Emerging Artist wall in October/November. Kim Steen seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Melendy, Reid and Christopher in favor, Squires absent and two positions vacant.

OTHER BUSINESS: Laura Reid will report to Council in place of Kim Steen.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 20, 2022

Minutes approved: 11-15-22