



**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 15, 2022 @ 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
Laura Reid
Lore Christopher (by phone)
Kat Thoreson
Katie Klein, Student Committee Liaison

Absent:

Felicia Squires
Cole Mallette

Staff Present:

Adam Brown, City Manager
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May & June 2022: Beth Melendy moved for approval of the July 2022 Minutes. Laura Reid seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Melendy, Reid and Christopher in favor with Thoreson abstaining and Squires and Mallette absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE | December-January Mid Valley Quilt Guild:

Commission reviewed pieces submitted for display.

Beth Melendy moved to accept all artwork as submitted. Laura Reid seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Melendy, Reid, Christopher and Thoreson in favor, with Squires and Mallette absent.

ROUNDBOUT ART:

- **Fabrication Contract:** Lore Christopher reported that she had been in contact with Smith & Steel and the cost for fabrication would be \$7500. The Commission has received a commitment from the Keizer Community Foundation for \$5000 which would leave \$2500 outstanding. Michele Roland-Schwartz has been working on a grant from Marion County Cultural Development Corporation; awards will be announced in December so the Commission is ready to move forward with Smith & Steel. The intent is to have the work completed and installed so that it can be dedicated at the Keizer anniversary party in June. Lore Christopher moved to approve awarding the contract for fabrication of ‘Rosalie’s Cows’ to Smith & Steel (Rick Smith) for \$7500. Laura Reid seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Melendy, Reid, Christopher and Thoreson in favor, with Squires and Mallette absent.

- **Fundraising Proposal:** Lore Christopher shared information about the proposal that was included in the packet and suggested that the contest be ‘rolled out’ in January and end in March. Discussion took place regarding what to do with any extra funds including having metal flowers made and placed in the roundabout to signify the different nominations and/or hiring an artist to photograph the completed roundabout and placing the photo in City Hall with a plaque explaining the significance of the cows and details about the people they are named after. Lore Christopher moved to approve the proposal and move forward with the contest and if more funds were received than needed to complete the artwork, then the project could be expanded to do the photograph and plaque in City Hall. Laura Reid seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Melendy, Reid, Christopher and Thoreson in favor, with Squires and Mallette absent.

Commissioners agreed that the plaque would explain the names of the cows: “Rosalie” for Rosalie Herber Moore who owned the cows on the property adjacent to the roundabout; “Audrey” for Audrey Butler who started the ‘Keizer Kloset’ and the Giving Basket Program; “Elsie” for Lore Christopher (L.C.) Keizer’s longest serving mayor and founder of the Keizer Public Arts Commission.

GRANT EFFORTS: Discussed above.

APPROVAL OF 2023 HOLIDAY ART CARD CONTEST SUBMISSION FORM: Laura Reid will promote the contest at the Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 6. Katie Klein will take flyers and forms to school for distribution there. Laura Reid moved to approve the 2023 Holiday Art Card Contest Submission Form. Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Melendy, Reid, Christopher and Thoreson in favor, with Squires and Mallette absent. (Laura Reid left the meeting at this time.)

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR SEALING CULTURAL HISTORY POLES AND SASQUATCH: Lore Christopher reported that she had been in touch with artist James Lukinich and he is willing to seal the poles and Sasquatch for \$500 even though the cost of the sealer has gone up \$20. Beth Melendy moved to approve the expenditure for sealing the cultural history poles and Sasquatch. Lore Christopher seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Melendy, Christopher and Thoreson in favor, with Squires, Reid and Mallette absent.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR PURCHASE OF FRAMES: Lore Christopher moved to approve the expenditure for frames for the Holiday Art Card winning art. Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Melendy, Christopher and Thoreson in favor, with Squires, Reid and Mallette absent.

PGE CONTACT REGARDING UTILITY BOX PAINTING: No report. (Laura Reid returned to the meeting at this time.)

EAGLE SCULPTURE PURCHASE UPDATE: Staff reported that Legal Department is still negotiating the contract with Bloch.

REVIEW OF ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET: Beth Melendy announced that she had submitted her receipt for the 2022 Holiday Cards for reimbursement; Kim Steen indicated she would do the same for the frames.

STUDENT/EMERGING ARTIST DISPLAY: None

OTHER BUSINESS: Laura Reid will report to Council in place of Lore Christopher and will show the Opal Fricke video and announce the Holiday Card Contest.

City Manager Adam Brown announced that he had met with representatives of an artist in Utah who does folk art and turns them into puzzles. He has a television show called "Piece by Piece", paints cities and then turns the paintings into puzzles. The artist is hoping to do 250 cities in conjunction with the 250th birthday of the nation. People can pay to have their image on the puzzle. If a city commissions the art, they would receive 1500 puzzles and have 18 months of exclusive rights to sell them. The cost is \$150,000. Commissioners agreed to hear what the representatives had to say at the January meeting and asked Mr. Brown to set that up.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 24, 2023

Minutes approved: 01-24-23