



**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 24, 2023 @ 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
Felicia Squires (6:03)
Cole Mallette (6:12)
Katie Klein, Student Committee Liaison

Staff Present:

Adam Brown, City Manager
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR: Kim Steen and Lore Christopher were elected by unanimous consent to serve as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Beth Melendy moved for approval of the November 2022 Minutes. Laura Reid seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Melendy, Reid, Thoreson and Christopher in favor with Squires and Mallette absent at time of vote.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE | February-March ~ Art Madrid: Commission reviewed pieces submitted for display. Following discussion on the appropriateness of the Native American representations and whether or not anything was inconsistent or incorrect to a specific tribe, Commissioners agreed that since they were not specific to a particular tribe, they would be displayed with the understanding that if it was brought to their attention that they were offensive, the specific piece could be removed.

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

ROUNDBOUT ART UPDATE: Discussion took place regarding the art, funding and the possible explanatory plaque to be displayed in the gallery if funding allowed.

Lore Christopher moved that, if enough funds are available, a plaque describing who the cows are named after and information about each will be purchased and displayed at the Community Center. Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Steen, Melendy, Reid, Thoreson, Squires, Mallette and Christopher in favor.

Beth Melendy moved that the cows be named for Rosalie Herber, Audrey Butler and Lore Christopher. Laura Reid seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Steen, Melendy, Reid, Thoreson, Squires, Mallette and Christopher in favor. (The remaining cow will be named through the fundraising contest which was approved at the November 2022 meeting.)

GRANT EFFORTS: So far the Commission has not received any grants but efforts continue. Lore Christopher noted that the Oregon Arts Commission Cultural Trust Grant might be available as well as one from the Oregon Community Foundation.

PGE CONTACT REGARDING UTILITY BOX PAINTING: Kat Thoreson agreed to contact the PGE Arts Council. Discussion took place regarding the effect the heat generated by the utility boxes would have on paint applied and the possibility of using shrink-wrapped art instead. City Manager Adam Brown noted that this had been done in Ontario. He volunteered to help identify the ODOT boxes and talk to an ODOT representative.

EAGLE SCULPTURE PURCHASE UPDATE: Staff reported that the contract has been signed and funds received from Bloch. A sign will be ordered for the sculpture which will include acknowledgement of the donation.

REVIEW OF ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET: Discussion took place regarding purchasing art. Staff reminded the Commission that they would be receiving a compilation of all art submitted during the 22-23 fiscal year at the next meeting. They would make their selection (depending on funds available) at the May meeting.

STUDENT/EMERGING ARTIST DISPLAY: Student Liaison Katherine Klein agreed to reach out to McNary students who might want to display. Laura Reid reminded her that this is the time for end of year projects and those might be an option. Lore Christopher noted that the Keizer Art Association would be having a student art show the first Saturday in February and perhaps candidates could be found from that event.

OTHER BUSINESS: Felicia Squires will report to Council.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 21, 2023

Minutes approved: 03-21-23