



**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 21, 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
Lore Christopher, Vice Chair (by phone)
Beth Melendy
Laura Reid
Kat Thoreson
Felicia Squires
Cole Mallette (6:27)
Katie Klein, Student Committee Liaison

Staff Present:

Adam Brown, City Manager
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Beth Melendy moved for approval of the January 2023 Minutes. Lore Christopher seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Christopher, Melendy, Reid, Thoreson and Squires in favor with Mallette absent at time of vote.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE | April-May ~ Joel Nickel: Commission reviewed pieces submitted for display.

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.

REVIEW HOLIDAY CARD SUBMISSIONS: Members discussed all submissions. Lore Christopher moved to approve the submission by Christina Patterson ‘Celebrating Our Common Threads’ for the 2023 Holiday Card. Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed as follows: Steen, Melendy, Reid, Christopher, Squires and Thoreson in favor, with Mallette absent at time of vote. Commissioners agreed by consensus to include the verse proposed by Ms. Patterson on the inside of the card and to include the information about the quilt on the back of the card along with the bio and photograph.

REVIEW NAME THAT COW SUBMISSIONS: City Manager Adam Brown reported that some councilors had voiced concern about the contest. Laura Reid added that the concerns were that the Commission did not ask permission to hold the contest, artists typically name their own art, and the people after whom the cows are named might be offended. She added that the contest was shared through a committee report but there was no specific request for permission from Council.

Lore Christopher explained that she had talked to Tara Choate, the artist, and she was fine with changing the names of the cows. Also, the artwork was commissioned and typically commissioned artwork is not named by the artist. The people for whom the other three cows have been named have been notified and they consider it an honor. She suggested that the Commission move forward with the project and expressed the hope that Council would have the courage to allow KPAC to move forward.

Beth Melendy noted that she and Lore Christopher had responded to some negative postings on social media but none of the commenters seemed to care enough to attend the meeting and speak their mind.

Commissioners then reviewed all eight submissions.

Lore Christopher moved to name the 4th cow after Rita Powers. Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Steen, Melendy, Reid, Christopher, Squires, Thoreson and Mallette in favor.

Mr. Brown noted that if three Councilors want to address something they can request that it be put on the agenda. He will wait for that. He will also put the KPAC decision to name a cow after Rita Powers (Keizer Police Support Services Supervisor for 20 years, now deceased) in his weekly update to Council. Commissioners also noted that they would like to work on putting a sign near the roundabout in Claggett Creek Park explaining the names of the cows.

ROUNDBOUT ART UPDATE: Lore Christopher moved to authorize expenditure of \$1700 from the KPAC budget. Laura Reid seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Steen, Melendy, Reid, Christopher, Squires, Thoreson and Mallette in favor.

GRANT EFFORTS: Oregon Arts Commission Cultural Trust Grant and the Oregon Community Foundation had no grant funding available.

PGE CONTACT REGARDING UTILITY BOX PAINTING: Kat Thoreson reviewed her progress with PGE noting that she had spoken to several departments and was now dealing with the marketing department. She noted that they told her they typically avoid painting their traffic control boxes. She will continue to work on this.

Mr. Brown added that usually the art is placed on traffic control devices and those are controlled by Salem. He noted that there has been opposition to this in the past but he would be meeting with the Salem City Manager and would bring it up then. Lore urged Mr. Brown to mention that KPAC hopes to incorporate student art in this project.

Ms. Christopher also noted that Breezy Air Conditioning does vinyl shrink wrap and would do a utility box for \$150 to \$300.

REVIEW OF ARTS COMMISSION BUDGET: Discussion took place on the amount to ask for the 23-24 fiscal year budget. Mr. Brown indicated that \$6,000 would be included in the budget. Commissioners indicated that they felt this was adequate.

STUDENT/EMERGING ARTIST DISPLAY: Student Liaison Katherine Klein reported that she had distributed business cards to prospective student artists at McNary but had not heard back from anyone.

OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioners received a compilation of art that had been displayed at the gallery during the 22-23 fiscal year. They will review this and be ready to discuss and choose which work to purchase for permanent display at the May meeting.

Kat Thorson will report to Council. Lore Christopher indicated that she would attend as well.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 16, 2023

Minutes approved: 05-16-23