



**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 6, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chair Beth Melendy at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:

Commissioners Present:

Beth Melendy, Chair
Kim Steen, Vice Chair
Lore Christopher
Maritza Gonzalez

Youth Committee Liaison/Youth Councilor:

Sydney Snapp/Anne Farris

Absent: Two positions vacant

Amy Ryan

Staff Present:

Nate Brown, Community Development Director
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lore Christopher moved to approve the October 2018 Minutes. Kim Steen seconded. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Gonzalez, Steen and Christopher in favor with two positions vacant and Ryan absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

REVIEW OF HOLIDAY ART SUBMISSIONS AND DETERMINATION OF WINNER:

Commissioners reviewed the two submissions. Lore Christopher moved to accept the piece called "Santa's Snow Globe". Maritza Gonzalez seconded. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Gonzalez, Steen and Christopher in favor with two positions vacant and Ryan absent.

GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE: Commissioners reviewed the display schedule. Maritza Gonzales indicated that she thought she could find some Latino artwork for display in the June-July slot.

KEIZER CULTURAL HISTORY POLE PROJECT: Lore Christopher reported that she had met with 3-D Sculptures on Blossom Road. The artist is Kevin and he indicated that he did not submit a proposal because

- He doesn't need the work.
- He wants to meet face to face after the contract is awarded to determine what is desired.
- It will be a difficult project because of the public interaction aspect.
- The project will require the use of scaffolding and he will have to set up and take down the scaffolding every day to keep it safe.

Ms. Christopher suggested that perhaps the City's insurance would protect the scaffolding. Mr. Brown added that there are ways to secure scaffolding such as temporary construction fencing.

Ms. Christopher noted that the artist charges \$100 per hour and he anticipates that the cost to carve one pole would be \$4,000 to \$8,000 and it would take two weeks to get it carved. She directed attention to the pictures she had taken of his work and noted that the bears were a 60-hour project. She also pointed out that the artist had indicated that that he did not have a problem with carving fir and that he wanted to do the project.

Ms. Christopher also noted that she had been trying to reach the artist that had submitted the non-responsive proposal but he has not returned her calls.

Discussion followed regarding writing a new proposal and simplifying the process, getting photos of work samples, asking for artists to 'show us what you can give us for \$10,000' and the City assuming the maintenance of the finished product.

Mr. Brown cautioned that the Request for Proposals needed to be redone and submitted to all the artists again and the stumps need to be re-evaluated to make sure they are not rotting.

Ms. Christopher added that she had not gotten information on grant limitations but she felt that the Oregon Community Foundation would only require periodic updates and she would take care of that.

STUDENT/EMERGING ARTIST SOLICITATION: Youth Committee Liaison Sydney Snapp reported that she had sent out emails to the art teachers and announced to art students, but framing of the artwork is a stumbling block. Mr. Brown explained that the pieces just need to be suitable for framing and that matting would be acceptable. He added that the value needs to be under \$3,000.

OTHER BUSINESS: Members were urged to recruit new members to fill the two vacancies.

STAFF REPORT: Nate Brown shared information about a new task force being formed that will work on the Housing Needs Analysis/Buildable Lands Inventory for Keizer adding that over 30 volunteers have indicated a willingness to serve.

YOUTH LIAISON REPORT: See report above.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2019

Minutes approved: 01-15-19