



**KEIZER ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 28, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present:

Lore Christopher
Rick Day
Kathy Haney
Jill Hagen
Tanja Homrichhausen

Absent:

Heather Weathers
Beth Melendy

Staff Present:

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rick Day moved for approval of the September, 2014 Minutes. Jill Hagen seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Day, Hagen and Homrichhausen in favor, Haney abstaining with Melendy and Weathers absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF RIVER ROAD SCULPTURE SUBMISSIONS: Committee members reviewed submissions by the same artist who had done "Rejoice" displayed at Keizer Plaza. Mr. Day reported that the Chamber Foundation had approved and budgeted for funding display of two sculptures. The committee decided the following:

1. Female in long dress with billed cap: Ask artist if arms would hold up to a youth hanging on them.
2. Body reclining on interlocking rings: Pass for now
3. Sleeping child: Pass for now
4. Man in tuxedo with staff and top hat: First choice – place at Copper Creek site
5. Hooded person with interlocking ring skirt: Pass for now
6. Kneeling fireman: Depending on his size display at Abby's site

Rick Day moved to recommend to Council that #4 (Man in tuxedo with staff and top hat) be placed at Copper Creek (Bentley's Coffee) site, and #7 (kneeling fireman) be placed

at the Abby's site. Kathy Haney seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Day, Hagen, Haney and Homrichhausen in favor with Melendy and Weathers absent.

STATUS OF "EMERGING ARTIST/STUDENT ARTIST" WALLS: Mr. Day reported that he had contacted Penny White and she is willing to do the calligraphy. Lore Christopher volunteered to call her (503-371-0380). Members agreed that the lettering should be put on foam core so that it can be removed from the walls for painting and that the City would cover the cost of supplies.

HOLIDAY CARDS PROPOSAL ~ Beth Melendy: Postponed to next meeting.

STATUS OF VIDEO OF ART GALLERY: Posted on website

UTILITY BOX PAINTING: Chair Christopher reported that she had talked with the new principal at McNary about getting art students to adopt a utility box to paint. She indicated that she hoped to have details of the program determined by December, submit it to Council for approval, and have the program in place by September 2015. She volunteered to inventory the utility boxes and take pictures. Kathy Haney volunteered to develop a program outline; Jill Hagen will create an inventory of ingredients for the paint supplies boxes which will be loaned to participants.

Program would include:

1. Student would "adopt" a utility box from the inventory
2. Student would submit a "river theme" design for Commission approval
3. Student would be given 30 to 90 days for completion of the work (weather permitting)
4. The City would provide the paint
5. A member of the commission would mentor each individual artist until the painting was finished

GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE: Quilters held the January-March slot last year and indicated at that time that they were interested in displaying again during that same time period. Chair Christopher volunteered to contact them and to see if they would like a reception.

Commissioners agreed that solicitation should be done to find art for the April-June slot. Chair Christopher indicated that she would contact the paper and post on Facebook. Commissioners then discussed curating the October-December slot with holiday themed artwork.

OTHER BUSINESS: Jill Hagen suggested that a clause be added to the artist contract which would allow a photo image of the piece to be published in a calendar.

Chair Christopher indicated she would talk with the City Attorney about getting blank artist contracts posted on the website so that they could be filled in and submitted with the artwork for Commission approval.

Commissioners considered an email from the Bloomberg Organization: Public Art Project inviting mayors of cities to submit proposals for grants. Chair Christopher noted

that this opportunity is available to all cities with a population of over \$30,000 which means competition will be with huge cities like New York and Chicago. She expressed the opinion that it would be unlikely that Keizer would get anything and that time would be better spent soliciting funds locally; perhaps from Keizer Chamber Foundation, the Rotary and business or property owners. Commissioners concurred.

Discussion took place regarding display of 3-deminsional art, art glass, stained glass, pottery and smaller pieces from Northwest Blacksmith Association in Community Center lobby display case and on marble pedestals anchored into the Community Center floor.

Rick Day showed a flowered 'sleeve' he had received at a coffee shop and suggested that the commission consider producing these with irises on them as a fundraiser. He also announced that he was planning on donating a chimney fire pit to the amphitheater support area, a concrete dugout and a pedestrian bridge to one of the parks.

Additional discussion took place regarding organized walking tour options: designating one or two dates for specific walking tours with businesses displaying art and serving wines and bands performing on the street; and having an art fair at the annual Riverfair. Chair Christopher volunteered to talk with Lyndon Zaitz at Keizertimes about moving this forward.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT: None

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 25, 2014

Minutes approved: 11-25-14