



**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 27, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Lore Christopher at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present:

Lore Christopher, Chair
Rick Day, Vice Chair
Kim Steen
Jill Hagen
Jessi Long
Beth Melendy
Amy Ryan, Councilor

Absent:

Youth Liaison Emily Brito

Staff Present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rick Day moved for approval of the September 2015 Minutes. Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Hagen, Day, Long, Melendy and Steen in favor with Ryan abstaining.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS ~ None

HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST WINNER ~ Beth Melendy read a brief biography of Jeffrey Flores that will be printed on the back of the card. Chair Christopher urged him to join the Keizer Art Association so that he could participate in their colored pencil show in April. Mr. Flores was then presented with an Award Certificate and a \$100 gift card to Michael's.

Ms. Melendy then distributed a sheet with information on the printers and suggested verbiage for the interior message. Members directed Ms. Melendy to find the best printer and order the cards with the interior greeting to be: Holiday Greetings from the City of Keizer.

UTILITY BOX PAINTING PROGRAM: Mr. Brown reported that because the City's email has not been operational, he has been unable to connect with the graphic artist who does the plastic shrink wrap. (Herb Kikinap: www.TrafficWrapz.com). Ms. Christopher interjected that she has spoken to Tom Hammerschmith with Allstar Custom Graphics and he wants to get involved by doing one on Lockhaven and one on Chemawa and because this is a 'pilot program' he is willing to donate the first two.

Mr. Brown brought attention to the Keizer Points of Interest signs about flooding and suggested that they would be good material for the utility boxes rather than student art work. The signs would encourage pedestrian traffic and be a learning tool for the area. He urged the commission to give this option some thought. Members suggested that if the boxes had to be read, they should be placed in areas where there was parking; they suggested that instead of putting them on the utility boxes, they be placed in the bus shelters. Ms. Christopher indicated that she had spoken with McNary art teachers and was optimistic that the Commission would receive appropriate artwork from the students.

GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE:

- *October-December:* Mike Hare will do an Artist Signing on October 31 from 11 to 4. He will also be 'swapping out' pictures on November 1 and December 1.
- *January-March:* Quilters
- *April-June:* Student Art Show – Chair Christopher indicated that she was meeting with Krina of SKEF and would explain to her that she (Krina) will be the managing agent for all the artwork. Artwork will be brought to the Community Center and hung on one day and there will be one contract for all the pieces.
- *July-August:* Red Raven Gallery Co-op
- *September-October:* Columbia Fiber Arts
- *November-December:* Open

TOWN & COUNTRY MURAL ~ Members reviewed the direction of the mural and confirmed that they wanted the parade drawing to look like it was headed **toward River Road**. Project Manager Jill Hagen reviewed the work plan and noted that mural experts from Silverton have volunteered to come talk to the Commission about mural development. Kathy Haney, Barb Hunter and Shirley Johnson have agreed to work with Jill to do presentations, recruit artists and teach a class about mural painting. She wants to pay them \$50 each from the grant money for their time. Amy Ryan interjected that the Keizer Police Department has an artist trained to do sketches and he might be willing to help with the portraits in the mural.

Ms. Hagen also reviewed fundraising plans using the tarp that will be spread under the mural during painting. Rick Day suggested printing limited editions of a photograph signed by the artists for sale or auction at a charity.

EMERGING ARTIST SOLICITATION ~ Chair Christopher urged members to recruit artists for this display. She volunteered to contact the Keizer Art Association.

OTHER BUSINESS ~ Amy Ryan suggested that the next mural be something like the mural in Seaside that looks like a quilt of local businesses. She suggested that the quilt hanging in the Community Center be used as a model.

Chair Christopher noted that Tom Hammerschmith with Allstar Custom Graphics has agreed to do a sign for the Story Poles in front of City Hall.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT ~ Mr. Brown reported that Mr. Smith is working on the piece; he has made some changes to make it more interesting. It will be ready soon so the process should begin for Council approval of another location. Chair Christopher asked permission from the Commission to talk to the Bouchers about moving the ring. She suggested that they could take down their monument sign and use the ring for signage. Mr. Brown interjected that that was proposed at the beginning of the process but the idea was never entertained or discussed. He added that the labor and time involved in installing the ring at the Sonic location was extensive and it was not a good idea to use City resources to relocate it.

Ms. Christopher responded that she did not see how a ring in front of a jewelry store was any different than bowling ball planters and bowling pin sidewalks in front of a bowling alley. She indicated that she wants to talk to the Bouchers and Lyndon Zaitz is willing to participate as well. She asked each commissioner their opinion ¹on *approaching the Bouchers about moving the sculpture*: Ryan-opposed, Long-opposed, Melendy-no objection, Day-no objection, Steen-no comment, Hagen-no objection. Ms. Christopher added that she would not advocate the use of City resources to move the ring but would want to move it if other pieces were being installed or moved.

Mr. Brown added that if Bouchers decided they want the ring instead of their current sign, the Art Commission does not have to do anything; Council would not need to approve it. However, Council will need to approve a new location for art work. Ms. Christopher suggested that the Flag by Ric Smith be placed in the location of "Blind Date" and that commissioners consider a new location for "Blind Date".

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 24, 2015

Minutes approved: 11-24-15

¹ Amended for clarification prior to approval at November meeting.