



**KEIZER ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 23, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present:

Lore Christopher
Rick Day
Beth Melendy
Heather Weathers
Jill Hagen
Tanja Homrichhausen

Absent:

Kathy Haney

Staff Present:

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

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

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

PLANNING OF MURAL DEDICATION: Dedication will be held at Keizer Florist, October 1, starting at 5:30. Speakers will be Jill Hagen, Mayor Christopher, Julie Wallace, Colleen Goodwin-Chronister and Pat Domogalla with cookies and punch provided on site by the Art Association and participants invited to view the new display of watercolors at the Civic Center afterwards. Ms. Christopher encouraged Ms. Hagen to send invitations to everyone on Tracy Davis' "VIP list" which includes local government officials. She noted that Council had approved the mailing costs. Ms. Hagen added that the Art Association is getting together a pail which is symbolic of the handover to the City. A donation jar will be out at the dedication with anyone who donates over \$100 getting their name on the bronze plaque which will be put up at the beginning of the year.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER-DECEMBER ART: Mr. Brown circulated photographs of the proposed artwork from the Willamette Valley Watercolor Society noting that Kathy Haney was coordinating this but Sandy Manning would bring the signed contracts on the day the artwork is to be hung. Gerry Hart will help curate the show and others will be around to help as needed. The Colored Pencil people will take their artwork on September 26 and the WVWS will hang theirs on the 1st.

Lore Christopher moved to approve the submitted art pieces from Willamette Valley Watercolor Society. Rick Day seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Day, Melendy, Weathers, Hagen and Homrichhausen in favor with Haney absent.

Mr. Brown noted that four pieces from Barbara Folawn were not included in the packet but would need to be approved. Jill Hagen commended Ms. Folawn's work.

Lore Christopher moved that the Commission support approval of the four pieces from Barbara Folawn assuming that they are consistent with the quality and substance of the already-approved pieces. Rick Day seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Day, Melendy, Weathers, Hagen and Homrichhausen in favor with Haney absent.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Art Association: Chair Christopher explained that the Art Association has applied for a grant of \$5,000. If it is received then a five-year plan would start which would include public outreach, murals, utility box painting, totems and an Art Fair.

Display Schedule: Chair Christopher reported that The Colored Pencil people have booked the same time slot (July-August-September) for next year and she needed to confirm that the quilt people want their same time slot (April-May-June). That leaves two spots remaining: January-February-March and October-November-December.

North Walls: Rick Day indicated that Penny White had agreed to paint in calligraphy "Emerging Artists" and "Student Artists" on the north walls of the Civic Center gallery. She is available in the latter part of October.

Lore Christopher moved to recommend to Council that the two north walls that already have the hanging system be lettered in black calligraphy by Penny White and/or her students to say "Emerging Artists" and "Student Artists". Rick Day seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Day, Melendy, Weathers, Hagen and Homrichhausen in favor with Haney absent.

Rules for these two walls would be: A minimum submission of 2 to 4 pieces; displayed for a minimum of 30 days but if there were no other submissions artists might be invited to display their art for a longer period of time for a maximum of 90 days.

Mayor Holiday Cards: Beth Melendy indicated that she would like to bring a proposal to the next meeting for Mayor's Christmas Cards. The Art Commission would sponsor a contest with the winning submission being used for a Christmas card from the City of Keizer. Following extensive discussion the Commission agreed that putting this together in time for the 2014 holiday season was not feasible, but agreed that it was a good project and should be pursued with goal of the 2015 season.

Miscellaneous:

- Jill Hagen suggested contacting photography, acrylic and oil organizations. Members discussed dividing the gallery into three separate shows by topic, the importance of an easy, automated process for art submission, and selection of a curator for this type of show.
- Mr. Day suggested that Mary Lou Zeek be invited to the next meeting. Lore Christopher volunteered to contact Ms. Zeek.
- Jill Hagen suggested having a scavenger hunt or Art Passport where participants photograph small architectural elements of buildings and whoever gets done first wins something.
- Lore Christopher volunteered to contact Phil Wade about making a video of the art gallery. He will forward the video to Debbie Lockhart for the City web page.
- Jill Hagen suggested that a small group select one of the most memorable pieces of artwork from each display and that be used for a 2016 calendar. Various events could be put on the calendar as well. Permission from artists would be vital.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT: Mr. Brown reported:

- **Utility Box Painting – Permission from PGE/Salem Electric:** His calls to PGE and Salem Electric had not yet been returned. Ms. Christopher indicated that she would send Mr. Brown contact information for Wendy at PGE. Mr. Day indicated that he would talk with Teresa Haskins, Sedcor President.
- **Extension of Colored Pencil Display:** The colored pencil group had other commitments and could not extend their display time at the Civic Center.
- **List of Expectations for Artists:** In process.

Members were reminded to attend the unveiling of the Keizer Florist Mural on October 1.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 28, 2014

Minutes approved: 10-28-14