



**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 22, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Lore Christopher at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present:

Lore Christopher, Chair
Rick Day, Vice Chair
Kim Steen
Jill Hagen
Jessi Long
Beth Melendy
Youth Liaison Emily Brito

Absent:

Amy Ryan, Councilor

Staff Present:

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

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

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

Anita Zahniser provided information about sculptor/painter/muralist, Roberto Oran, referring to a newspaper article about him, and recommended him to the commission to help with the next mural.

Roberto Oran shared black and white photocopies of two of his paintings and indicated that he would like to help with the mural. Commissioners urged him to submit pictures of his artwork for display at the Community Center Gallery, either on the 'Emerging Artist' wall or in the gallery if he had enough to have his own show.

RECONSIDERATION OF ART COMMISSION POLICIES: Chair Lore Christopher explained that the policies adopted at the last meeting did not have her edits in them. Community Development Director Nate Brown summarized the policies and changes.

Rick Day moved to reconsider the Art Commission Policies. Kim Steen seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Hagen, Day, Long, Melendy and Steen in favor with Ryan absent.

Rick Day moved to adopt the Art Commission Policies and Criteria as amended. Kim Steen seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Hagen, Day, Long, Melendy and Steen in favor with Ryan absent.

HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST – Selection of Winner: Commissioners reviewed submissions from Jeffrey Flores ('Let's go to the Parade' and 'Puppy and Friends'; Emigdio Salazar, Jr. ('Happy Holidays' and 'Holiday Greetings'); and Fallon Dunham (piece had no name). It was noted that four submissions were from Salem and one from Keizer. Discussion took place regarding the age and residency of the artists with Commission deciding that the invitation did not exclude Salem and did not specify that artists should be students. Each Commissioner held up their favorite with 'Let's go to the Parade' by Jeffrey Flores getting the majority of votes. As a 'runner up' Commissioners liked equally 'Happy Holidays' and 'Holiday Greetings' by Emigdio Salazar.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER-DECEMBER DISPLAY – Mike Hare: Commissioners reviewed submittals from Mr. Hare. Beth Melendy moved to approve the submissions for display in October-December 2015. Jessi Long seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Hagen, Day, Long, Melendy and Steen in favor with Ryan absent.

UTILITY BOX PAINTING PROGRAM: Mr. Brown circulated a brochure from a company that makes 'wraps' for utility boxes and described the process. He noted that a wrap costs \$300-\$600 depending on size. The company does not have specific information about the thermal loading of specific colors but has indicated that black raises internal temperatures by 15 degrees. They are working with Salem to do six boxes so Keizer can follow up when those are complete to determine if the wraps have a detrimental effect on the equipment. Discussion followed regarding partnering with area businesses and organizations to get grants, the number of traffic boxes on River Road, continuing the project on other Keizer streets, and the removal process. Chair Christopher indicated that she thought Keizer should do a pilot project of two to six boxes, roll the idea out to McNary and have them submit a design and take it to Council. Mr. Brown agreed to develop a description for general dimensions and parameters on color. Ms. Hagen added that artists should sign releases for use of their art.

GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE:

- *October-December:* Mike Hare
- *January-March:* Quilters
- *April-June:* Student Art Show
- *July-August:* Red Raven Gallery Co-op
- *September-October:* Commissioners viewed submission from Columbia Fiber Arts Guild. Kim Steen moved to approve submissions for display in November-December 2016. Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Hagen, Day, Long, Melendy and Steen in favor with Ryan absent.
- *November-December:* Open

STATUS OF RIC SMITH ARTWORK: Chair Christopher reported that Dennis Blackman was disappointed in the size of "Blind Date" so she suggested placing Ric Smith's work there instead but the decision should be made after seeing the finished product. Mr. Brown added that he would be meeting with Ric the next day. He also suggested that the G & S Machine Shop, who made installation of the new art on River Road possible should be acknowledged. Chair Christopher indicated that she would

write a letter and send it to Mr. Brown to be printed on letterhead for her signature.

TOWN & COUNTRY MURAL

- Storefront Images: Rick Day moved to give Jill Hagen artistic license to choose businesses from the agenda item 10 list **excluding businesses still in operation.** Jessi Long seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Hagen, Day, Long and Melendy and Steen in favor with Steen opposed and Ryan absent.
- Update: Discussion took place regarding preparation of the wall, scheduling and lettering.
- Fundraising: Rick Day moved that there should be 20 faces on the mural: 6 will be Keizer mayors; 2 will be raffled off (free) for children ages 13-18; 2 will be offered for a public raffle at \$5 each and the remaining 10 will be sold for \$200 each or offered for raffle if not sold. Kim Steen seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Hagen, Day, Long, Melendy and Steen in favor with Ryan absent.

EMERGING ARTIST SOLICITATION: Jessi Long reported that she had contacted four people but had not received a response. Beth Melendy added that her daughter is planning on participating.

OTHER BUSINESS: Rick Day indicated that he had a pieces of art he would like to display at the Keizer Community Gallery for sale with the commission going to the program. Mr. Brown indicated that he would discuss this with the City Manager but there is no space in the gallery at the present time.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Update on Ric Smith Piece & Status of Installation of Boucher Sculpture: See above.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 27, 2015

Minutes approved: 10-27-15