



**KEIZER ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 26, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present:

Lore Christopher
Rick Day
Beth Melendy
Heather Weathers
Kathy Haney

Absent:

One position vacant
Jill Hagen¹

Staff Present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Beth Melendy moved for approval of the July 2014 Minutes. Rick Day seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Day, Melendy, Weathers and Haney in favor, Hagen absent and one position vacant.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

DEVELOPMENT OF REVIEW POLICIES AND CRITERIA PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2014-687 AND RESOLUTION NO. R2014-2440: Commissioners suggested various changes to the policies presented by Mr. Brown. Specifically under the Building Owner maintenance they suggested the following:

Building owner's signed agreement for maintenance: The building owner agrees to maintain the building and surrounding areas in a manner suitable to art display. The City will maintain the art work in original condition including repair of any damage to the art work.

Rick Day moved to forward the policies as amended to Council for approval. Kathy Haney seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Day, Melendy, Weathers and Haney in favor, Hagen absent and one position vacant.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Additional Mural Locations: Discussion took place regarding locations for additional murals including the Keizer Rotary Amphitheater and the Sherwin Williams store. Commissioners indicated that although they were not opposed to having a mural at the

¹ Corrected at September meeting to reflect absence of Jill Hagen (also in voting).

amphitheater, they felt there were other more visible locations in Keizer. They were urged to further explore those possibilities.

Utility Box Painting: Additional discussion took place regarding painting utility boxes. Nate Brown agreed to check with PGE and Salem Electric for permission.

Mural Dedication: Lore Christopher announced that the Keizer Florist Mural dedication would be held on October 1 from 5:30 to 6:30 and that attendees would then be invited to view the artwork on display at the Keizer Civic Center from 6:30 to 8. Nate Brown indicated that he would contact the colored pencil people about leaving their artwork on display an extra day for this event. Commissioners decided that due to insurance requirements only punch and cookies would be served at the dedication. Rick Day suggested partnering with the Keizer Chamber Foundation and using their insurance certificate in order to have a reception with beer and wine. Ms. Christopher indicated that she would talk with the City Attorney about how to proceed.

Solicitation of Art: Commissioners discussed how to make artists aware of the availability of the Civic Center for art displays. Suggestions were made to streamline the process such as having forms available on the website, posting a video on the website that would show the venue, and showing spaces throughout the city that would be available for murals. A summary of proposed website information follows:

- Art Commission Policies
- Artist Release Forms
- A list of the Commission's expectations from artists (Nate Brown to provide)
- Video of art display area and fasteners used to hang artwork
- Dimensions of display areas
- Pictures of possible mural sites

Commissioners requested that an announcement be placed on the website soliciting artists for the October-November-December art display slot.

Commissioners suggested that two small walls in the Community Center be dedicated to "Student Art" and "Emerging Artists" (someone who has never had a commercial sale or displayed in a gallery) and that art teachers from area schools would control the content of these two walls. Discussion took place on how to designate these walls: signage or calligraphy painted on the walls. Rick Day indicated that he would try to find someone who could do the lettering.

City Christmas Card & Grid Mural: Beth Melendy voiced support for a City Christmas Card. Mr. Brown noted that there is no money set aside for a project like this in the current budget but it is not too early to plan a request to the Budget Committee in the next fiscal year. Ms. Melendy also suggested that the Commission pursue the idea of the grid mural: where a mural is gridded out and each artist gets a piece.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 23, 2014

Minutes approved: 9-23-14