PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 25, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer Civic Center

CALL TO ORDER
Meeting was called to order by Chair Lore Christopher at 6:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present:
Lore Christopher, Chair
Rick Day, Vice Chair
Kim Steen
Jill Hagen
Jessi Long
Amy Ripp, Councilor (6:08)

Absent:
Beth Melendy

Staff Present:
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder
Nate Brown, Community Development Director

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

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS
Ric Smith, Keizer, introduced himself noting that he is a salvage metal artist with a small custom fabricating shop. He noted that he had donated the weather vane and bike rack at the Big Toy playground and showed a conceptual drawing of a piece he wished to have displayed on River Road (a replica of the American flag made from mesh and chain). Lengthy discussion took place regarding specifications of the piece and timing. Committee members indicated that they liked the piece; Chair Christopher promised Mr. Smith that if he would make the piece the Commission would find a place for it. Chair Christopher indicated that there is money available for the stipend and Mr. Brown indicated that a base is available and reminded the Commission that the location must be approved by Council.

ART COMMISSION POLICIES
Rick Day moved to approve the Keizer Public Art Commission Policies and Criteria and recommend them to Council. Kim Steen seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Hagen, Steen, Day, Long and Ripp in favor with Melendy absent.

Rick Day moved to recommend to Council a 20% commission rate for all public venue art related to the Keizer Public Arts Commission to go back into the art program. Kim Steen seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Hagen, Steen, Day, Long and Ripp in favor with Melendy absent.

Ms. Christopher noted that a specific edit she had submitted to the City Attorney for the Policies had not been included in the final version.

Chair Christopher moved to reconsider the Keizer Public Art Commission Policies and Criteria. Kim Steen seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Hagen, Steen, Day, Long and Ripp in favor with Melendy absent.

Lore Christopher moved to adopt the Keizer Public Art Commission Policies and Criteria but to strike the last sentence in Section B, #2. Rick Day seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Hagen, Steen, Day, Long and Ripp in favor with Melendy absent.

HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST: Chair Christopher read Beth Melendy's email update. Jessi Long volunteered to share the contest information as well.

UTILITY BOX PAINTING PROGRAM: Mr. Brown explained that Public Works is doing research on the tolerance of the temperatures and that Bill Lawyer is optimistic that details can be worked out and the program implemented.

SELECTION OF REPLACEMENT PIECE FOR "REMEMBRANCE" – ABBY'S: Two new submissions were reviewed.

Lore Christopher moved to replace "Remembrance" with "Guardian" (the dragon in a spiral) by Jim Johnson at the Abby's location. Rick Day seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Hagen, Steen, Day, Long and Ripp in favor with Melendy absent.

GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE: Chair Christopher announced that WOW (Women of Watercolor) is interested in having a show at the Gallery.

- *April-June*: Louise Boucher – Currently on display
- *July-September*: Colored Pencil Art
- *October-December*: Mike Hare
- *January-March:* Quilters
- *April-June:* Student Art Show
- *July-August:* Red Raven Gallery Co-op
- *September-October:* Open
- *November-December:* Open

TOWN & COUNTRY MURAL: Mr. Brown reported that the contract has been reviewed and released to Mr. Liebold for his signature. Once the contract is in place the project can move forward. It was noted that it was important to get the wall prepared and prepped with primer even though the actual painting will not begin until this spring.

Lore Christopher moved for approval of the following interim verbiage on the mural wall: "**Join Keizer's mural project 2016 www.keizer.org**". Amy Ripp seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Hagen, Steen, Day, Long and Ripp in favor with Melendy absent.

Jill Hagen showed her conceptual drawing for the mural along with a timeline which included who is doing what and when. She noted that the call to artists should ask artists to identify their strong points such as lettering, horses, faces, etc.

EMERGING ARTIST SOLICITATION: Committee members admitted that they had not recruited anyone. Amy Ripp indicated that she would contact a lady she knows who

gives art classes. Jessi Long added that she would contact someone she knows.

OTHER BUSINESS: Lore Christopher reported that a 40-50 year old quilt done by the Keizer Merchants Association has been offered to the City for display. It is approximately 10' x 12' and each block represents a business. Commissioners walked the Community Center to determine the best location for the quilt.

Lore Christopher moved to recommend to Council that the Keizer Merchant Association quilt be put on display on the middle section of the east wall of the 'living room'. Rick Day seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Hagen, Steen, Day, Long and Ripp in favor with Melendy absent.

Amy Ripp announced that she had made a connection with a student liaison for SKEF who wants to support the SKEF project and help in any way she can. She encouraged the Commission to pursue the painting of the bus shelters noting that she felt the ones that were painted were not taken seriously. Ms. Christopher agreed that she hoped it could be explored earlier next year if the program is repeated. Ms. Ripp also noted that she has had her name changed to Amy Ryan.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Status of Boucher Sculpture Approval: Mr. Brown explained that he and Mr. Day had worked out the details of installation. Mr. Day will donate the support piece that comes off the main platform.

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

Next Meeting: September 22, 2015

Minutes approved: 9-22-15