



**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 28, 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
Kim Steen
Beth Melendy
Jill Hagen
Amy Ripp, Councilor

Absent:

Rick Day, Vice Chair
One Position Vacant

Staff Present:

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder
Nate Brown, Community Development Director
Shannon Johnson, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kim Steen moved for approval of the May 2015 Minutes.
Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Melendy, Hagen, Ripp
and Steen in favor with Day absent and one position vacant.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

Jessi Sabrowski, Keizer, submitted a proposal for a civic art piece or 'parklet' with the theme of sustainability. It would be three sided with edible landscaping and other plants including Iris. It would consist of seating on the outside and a solar powered fountain inside and would possibly be located across from the Transit Center on the small triangular undeveloped property for a cost of approximately \$5,000. Chair Christopher explained that there are many art initiatives going on in the city that are not as expensive but she suggested that Ms. Sabrowski put together a detailed proposal including cost and time estimates and take it to the Parks Board for a matching grant. Ms. Sabrowski would need to show that she was contributing 50% of the total cost for this grant. Committee members suggested she contact the Transit District to find out if they would be willing to donate the needed space for the parklet and indicated that the Commission would be willing to submit a letter of support. The Commission also suggested that Ms. Sabrowski explore alternate locations.

ART COMMISSION POLICIES: Nate Brown pointed out areas of the policies that had been changed and noted that the process for murals is new. Committee members agreed to review the policies and send any edits to staff so that they could be included and the final version of the Policies approved at the next meeting.

HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST: Beth Melendy distributed ideas for marketing and asked for volunteers. Volunteers were as follows:

Facebook

- KAA – Lore Christopher
- City of Keizer – City Staff
- KeizerStrong – Beth to call David Dahle
- KPAC – members to share on personal Facebook pages
- Public Art Girl – Lore Christopher

Web Pages

- City of Keizer – City Staff
- KAA – Lore Christopher
- Keizertimes – City Staff to contact Craig
- Next Door – Beth Melendy

Print/TV

- Keizertimes – City Staff
- K-23 – City Staff

Other

- Distribute fliers – all
- Boys & Girls Club – Amy Ripp
- SKEF – Lore Christopher
- McNary Art Teachers – Lore Christopher
- Michaels – Beth Melendy
- Starbucks – Kim Steen
- Safeway – Kim Steen

TOTEM ART/CEDAR DONATION: Mr. Brown explained that the City has no way to remove or transport the tree.

UTILITY BOX PAINTING PROGRAM: Mr. Brown reminded the Commission that PGE has reservations about painting transformer boxes, but Keizer owns the traffic signal boxes (large boxes at intersections) and Public Works will allow those to be painted. He talked to Salem because they operate the signals for Keizer and was told that ODOT has said there may be issues with overheating so he will be following up on that; however there are many cities who paint their traffic signal boxes with no ill effects. He is hoping to reassure them and move forward.

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:* Youth Show
- *July-August:* Red Raven Gallery Co-op
- *September-October:* Open
- *November-December:* Open

BUS SHELTER PAINT-IN: Chair Christopher explained the process and noted that artists must commit to a shelter by the end of the month, work on it on weekends only, and have the work completed by the end of August. Jessie Sabrowski indicated that she was interested. She was directed to the Transit District website for more information.

TOWN & COUNTRY MURAL: Amy Ripp voiced concern that the location of the mural might not be politically correct considering recent political statements that were put on the business's sign. Chair Christopher responded that the decision to paint the mural

was made six months ago and it has nothing to do with anyone's political opinion. All members were supportive of keeping it on that wall.

Mr. Brown directed attention to photographs displayed on the floor in front of the dais and asked Commissioners to choose seven images for the parade so that Jill Hagen could do a preliminary sketch based on those parameters. The sketch will go Town & Country along with a written description and the contract.

Discussion then took place regarding priming the wall and painting "Coming soon: Next mural" on the wall, pending the actual painting of the mural. Mr. Brown indicated that he would explore the possibility of getting permission to have this painted on the wall through a special event permit.

Commissioners then chose photographs to depict the following sections of the parade:

- Pet Parade
- Color Guard (USA, Oregon and Keizer flags to be shown)
- Antique Fire Truck
- McNary Band
- Rodeo Queens (3) with Iris bouquets on horses' hind quarters
- Classic Cars
- Volcano Float with Crater
- Spanish Prancing Horses
- Flower Box Float
- Police, Cert people, and Clowns interspersed throughout the parade

Commissioners agreed on having a long flag above the parade instead of a banner. Discussion also took place regarding portraits with Mr. Brown indicating that all six mayors' images should be on the mural.

City Attorney Shannon Johnson urged that business names be kept to a minimum; perhaps using 'Market' or 'Jewelry' on the store fronts instead of business names, but that businesses no longer in existence would be acceptable.

Further discussion took place regarding the proposal to sell opportunities to have portraits painted on faces in the mural as a fundraising strategy. Mr. Brown urged that the selection process be clear, fair and open with a specific deadline.

OTHER BUSINESS – None

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

- *Emerging Artist Contact:* Mr. Brown reported that no response was received from Ms. Ojeda so the Commission would need to promote this.
- *Status of Boucher Sculpture Approval:* Mr. Brown reported that the Bouchers are fine with an alternative location in front of Sonic. The sculpture will require another pad but the City has one already so it can be installed when the Commission approves the ring sculpture. Commissioners Ripp and Hagan voiced concern regarding the safety of the sculpture. Mr. Brown agreed to find its location and take them to view it personally.

Lore Christopher moved to accept the ring sculpture as a potential sculpture for River Road to be located at the Sonic location pending approval for safety and site constraints by Nate Brown and Amy Ripp. Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Melendy and Steen in favor with Ripp and Hagan opposed.

Mr. Johnson reported that the Legal Department is working on the contract with the artist for the two pieces approved by the Commission in October 2014.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 25, 2015

Minutes approved: 8-25-15