



**KEIZER ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 22, 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
Jill Hagen
Beth Melendy
Heather Weathers
Kathy Haney

One position vacant

Staff Present:

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

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR: Lore Christopher and Rick Day were elected by unanimous consent as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

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

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

COMMISSION IDEAS AND INTRODUCTIONS: Lore Christopher provided an explanation of the intent of the Arts Commission noting that she considered it an “arm” of the City, partnering with different entities to display art throughout the city. She noted that she hoped the Commission would:

- 1) Create a venue for local artists by using the walls of the Civic Center to display artwork and invite artists to an open house at the Civic Center.
- 2) Increase the display of outdoor artwork throughout the city, particularly using a “river” theme that would include Oregon symbols such as salmon and irises.
- 3) Promote the painting of murals throughout the city.

Members introduced themselves and discussed various ideas including putting in a rose garden with topiaries at Keizer Rapids Park, displaying artwork at the multipurpose facility at Keizer Rapids Park, engaging the youth by having a rotation that focused on

youth art, and having an Art Fair for local artists at Keizer Rapids Park – perhaps in conjunction with the annual RiverFair. Additional dialogue took place regarding display of three-dimensional art in the Civic Center lobby display case. Members agreed that there are many spaces still available for sculpture art along River Road with Mr. Day indicating that he was anxious to help with the mission and provide bases for the sculptures. Chair Christopher suggested that the Commission come up with some sort of fun ‘lit up’ event that could be held along with the Holiday of Lights Parade at Christmas time.

Members discussed having a “grid” fundraiser, whereby an artist does an image and participants buy a square to paint – a sort of paint by numbers - and having a ‘street fair’ where squares of the street are sold and buyers paint their square of the street. Another option would be to have a Christmas Card Design Contest where the winner would be the official City Christmas card.

Members agreed that in order to offer the greatest protection for art in the Civic Center, surveillance cameras should be installed.

KEIZER FLORIST MURAL PROJECT UPDATE: Jill Hagen reported that the mural is being painted directly on the building; the black background has been done and outlines are in place. Completion is expected by October 1. She urged that the Commission plan an unveiling that will promote this sort of art in Keizer, noted that owners will receive a “graffiti pail” containing items to remove graffiti, and suggested that motion lights be installed at mural locations. She also urged that local schools bring the children to view the murals so that they grow up with a sense of ownership. This has proven to reduce graffiti incidents in other cities.

DEVELOPMENT OF REVIEW POLICIES AND CRITERIA PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2014-687 AND RESOLUTION NO. R2014-2440: City Attorney Shannon Johnson reviewed the ordinance and resolution and suggested that over the next couple of meetings Commissioners consider the medium that the policies would cover, review the criteria in the packet and come up with ideas so that the Commission has criteria for judging the artwork. Discussion followed focusing on criteria, details, establishing a process to judge the artwork, rotation of art, and the logistics of having a “potpourri” show which would consist of multiple independent artists. Community Development Director Nate Brown added that if the Commission is in agreement with the staff report and ordinance, staff can come up with draft policies for the next meeting. He reminded Commissioners that each piece of art has a separate agreement/contract that has to be executed with the attorney’s office. This makes a “potpourri” and/or young artist show very labor intensive for City staff. He added that a local church holds services at the Community Center every Sunday and that should be considered when considering the art that would be displayed.

Commissioners discussed the possibility of working with the school to serve like a broker on a school art display. Chair Christopher expressed the desire to support young and/or amateur artists

DISPLAY REQUEST FOR ACRYLIC PAINTINGS FROM JESSICA R. OJEDA:

Commissioners noted that this request was for a small number of pieces so perhaps it could be considered for display when the details of a “potpourri” show are developed.

ESTABLISH REGULAR MEETING TIME: Commissioners agreed to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 pm. Chair Christopher urged members to review the ordinance and resolution and come to the August meeting with concerns or things they would like included in the policies.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 26, 2014

Minutes approved: 08-26-14