



**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 16, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chair Beth Melendy at 6:10 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:

Commissioners Present:

Beth Melendy, Chair
Kim Steen, Vice Chair
Felicia Squires
Lore Christopher
Jeremy Vargas

Absent:

Dakota Saunders
Elizabeth Smith, Councilor

Staff Present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Felicia Squires moved to approve the May 2019 Minutes. Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Steen, Squires and Christopher in favor with Vargas abstaining and Saunders and Smith absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None. Chair Melendy welcomed new member Dakota Saunders who shared a little information about himself.

STARTING PRECIOUS MEMORIES SCULPTURE CONTRACT RENEWAL: Lore Christopher moved to extend the contract for one more year without the optional one-year extension. Kim Steen seconded. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Steen, Squires, Vargas and Christopher in favor with Saunders and Smith absent.

GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE: It was noted that there were no displays scheduled for the remainder of the year. Committee members agreed that the iris posters should stay on display until another display is secured. Community Development Director Nate Brown volunteered to contact the Quilters for displaying in December and January. Lore Christopher volunteered to call Artists in Action to fill one of the display slots.

KEIZER CULTURAL HISTORY POLE PROJECT: Mr. Brown reported on the progress of the carving, noting that copper sheeting was purchased for \$150 to protect the top of the tree, and the bell (from the heritage center) was powder coated for \$80. Lore Christopher indicated that she thought she would have enough donated funds by September to fund carving the second pole.

HOLIDAY ART CARD CONTEST: Commission reviewed the proposed application and dates. Lore Christopher moved to proceed with the Holiday Art Card contest with the dates as proposed by staff. Beth Melendy seconded. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Steen, Squires, Vargas and Christopher in favor with Saunders and Smith absent. Everyone was urged to share the contest in September on their personal Facebook pages; staff was directed to notice Keizertimes and to post on the City website.

KEIZER ART ASSOCIATION ART DISPLAY: Lore Christopher reported that she had contacted KAA but that they were unwilling to display because their display is small and they felt it would look chintzy in the expansive Community Center space. They did not want to display only in the hallway, nor did they want to display pieces for two months.

MARION COUNTY WOOD CARVERS DISPLAY: Lore Christopher reported that the wood carvers had looked at the space but the glass display case was too narrow. They wanted display cases. Lore suggested that the committee look into getting display cases.

BANNER ART: Commissioners discussed the possibility of having artistic banners painted and displayed on the light poles and perhaps partnering with the Chamber for this. Lore Christopher volunteered to take pictures of the banners in Bend. She suggested that this would be a good project to put in the Public Arts Master Plan.

STUDENT/EMERGING ARTIST SOLICITATION: Everyone was urged to solicit artists.

OTHER BUSINESS/STAFF REPORT: Lore Christopher suggested that a Public Arts Master Plan be developed so that guidelines are in place and projects continue no matter who is on the Commission. The Master Plan would be a 10-year timeline that would list priorities. She suggested that sculpture in the roundabout and kinetic fish on River Road (36 available for purchase by businesses – one for each year of Keizer) be part of the Master Plan and urged all Commissioners to bring their ideas to the next meeting. Mr. Brown added that in the beginning the Master Plan is a stream of consciousness – a brainstorm of ideas that is prioritized and fleshed out for funding sources. He added that the Chamber should be included so that they are in partnership with the Commission.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 24, 2019

Minutes approved: 11-19-19