



**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 24, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chair Beth Melendy at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present:

Beth Melendy, Chair
Lore Christopher, Vice Chair
Rick Day
Kim Steen (6:04)
Jill Hagen
Jessi Long
Amy Ryan, Councilor

Absent:

Youth Liaison Emily Brito
Nate Brown, Community Development
Director

Staff Present:

Shannon Johnson, City Attorney
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rick Day moved for approval of April Minutes. Jessi Long seconded. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Christopher, Day, Hagen, Long and Ryan in favor with Steen absent at time of vote.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

GALLERY DISPLAY SCHEDULE

- *April-May:* All-Student Art Show/SKEF ~ in progress
- *July-August:* Red Raven Gallery Co-Op ~ Discussion took place regarding an anonymous letter received regarding Red Raven with Jill Hagen offering a brief summary of her experience with the gallery.
Lore Christopher moved to approve the Red Raven submissions for July/August. Kim Steen seconded and offered a friendly amendment to make it 'local artist trunk show' rather than 'Red Raven submissions'. Ms. Christopher accepted the amendment. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Christopher, Day, Steen, Long and Ryan in favor with Hagen abstaining due to her connection with Red Raven.
Jessi Long moved to remove 'Destruction of a Feral Armchair' due to its violent nature. Kim Steen seconded. Following discussion motion passed as follows: Long, Steen, Hagen and Day in favor with Christopher, Melendy and Ryan opposed.
- *September-October:* Jones/Burkhardt (Jonezy Art/Wildernes Adventure Images) Kim Steen indicated that she would be in contact with 'Stone Photography'.
- *November-December:* Columbia Fiber Arts (Artwork approved)
- *January-February 2017:* Open

DISCUSSION ON CHANGING MONTHS TO ACCOMMODATE SKEF: Commission discussed changing the display months in order to accommodate Salem-Keizer Education Foundation.

Lore Christopher moved to alter the schedule to accommodate the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation program (February-March /April-May/June-July/August-September/October-November/December-January), with SKEF displaying during April and May starting in 2017. Kim Steen seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Melendy, Christopher, Day, Hagen, Steen, Long and Ryan in favor.

TOWN & COUNTRY MURAL

Portrait Purchasing Results: Jill Hagen explained that two of the three people on the waiting list wanted two portraits. She asked that the Commission authorize sale of five more portraits. Rick Day moved to sell a total of 15 portraits. Lore Christopher seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Melendy, Christopher, Day, Steen, Hagen, Long and Ryan in favor. (Summary of portraits: 15 Sold/6 Mayors/4 Raffle/1 Don – 26 Total)

Call to Artists Report: Jill Hagen reported that there has been one submission so far but there is still time.

Raffle Program Update: Beth Melendy reported that there have not been a lot of tickets entered. She will pick up all the boxes on the 31st with the drawing at Keizer Times on June 2.

Mural Update: Beth Melendy reported that the building is being re-roofed and the overhang has been torn off. Jill Hagen reported that the new painting dates were May 31 and June 1-4 weather permitting. She suggested that electrical features be included so that the mural can be lit at night. Lengthy discussion followed. Commission agreed that the lighting discussion was premature at this time.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF ART COMMISSION FLYER: Jessi Long distributed the next version of the flyer noting that she needed pictures of the Fire District 9-11 piece and Iron Glory. Rick Day suggested that the mural at the Chamber be shown on the flyer. Discussion took place regarding whether or not it was a public or private piece with Commission agreeing to discuss this in detail at the next meeting.

COMMUNITY CENTER STUMPS:

Insect Treatment (Donation): Ms. Christopher reported that the chainsaw artist had informed staff that without treatment it would take 5 years to lose up to 12 inches from the poles. She added that she would still pursue a possible donation.

EMERGING ARTIST SOLICITATION: Chair Melendy indicated that Mackenzie's pieces will be displayed in June and July.

OTHER BUSINESS: Lore Christopher reported that she had solicited the Budget Committee for \$3500 on behalf of the Commission. \$2,000 to secure the artist stipends for the River Road sculptures, if needed; \$1,000 for Commission expenses; and \$500 to reimburse artists for supplies used in making donated pieces of art.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT:

Mural at Los Dos Hermanos: Mr. Johnson noted that this slides into a legal issue; that if a business owner wants a mural they can volunteer the side of their building but then they would need to step back and let the artists develop the mural. Ms. Christopher suggested that the owner be given guidance and recommendations for artists.

Three-year Display Contracts: City Attorney Shannon Johnson reminded the Commission that their primary task is to approve artwork and 'pre-approving' certain vendors would require changing the Commission Resolution, Ordinance and Policies. Ms. Christopher argued that the Colored Pencil people have indicated that they do not wish to display in the future because of the lengthy time investment involved in the approval process. Lengthy discussion followed.

Lore Christopher moved to propose to Council as a pilot project for 2017-2018 allowing Salem-Keizer Education Foundation, Colored Pencil Society of America and the Mid-Willamette Valley Quilters Association to display art without Commission approval at a meeting with Commission having final say at intake. Beth Melendy seconded. Mr. Johnson confirmed that this withdraws the motion made at the April 26 meeting. Motion passed as follows: Melendy, Christopher, Day, Steen, Hagen and Ryan in favor with Long opposed.

Mr. Johnson read the policies to remind commission of their charge and indicated that he would let them know when this would be going to Council.

Chain Saw Artist Bench: Following discussion on the intended location of the bench, Mr. Johnson explained that Council approval would be needed and staff would need to contact the property owner to get permission. He indicated that he would contact the property owner and the artist and it would go on a future Council agenda.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 28, 2016

Minutes approved: 6-28-16