



MINUTES
KEIZER PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Tuesday, May 21, 2024
Keizer Civic Center ~ Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Kim Steen called to order at 5:59 p.m. Roll call was noted as follows:

Present:

Kat Thoreson, Chair (via phone)
Kim Steen, Vice Chair
Lore Christopher
Marilyn Wood
Kat Thoreson
Laura Reid
Deborah Sisco
Katie Klein, Student Committee
Liaison

Absent:

One Open Position

Staff Present:

Adam Brown, City Manager
Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder

2. Approval of Minutes

a. March and April 2024

Lore Christopher moved for approval of the March and April 2024 Minutes. Deborah Sisco seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Thoreson, Steen, Wood, Reid, and Sisco in favor with one open position.

3. Interested Persons

Didier Planell, Keizer resident, who did the mosaic for the splash pad presented three art pieces for the Soccer Field, which would be in a tile format for phase II. The City was currently in phase I. It would be at least six months before any artwork could be installed and funding would also be needed. The City would be in contact with him when the City can move forward with his proposed designs.

4. Gallery Display Schedule

a. June-July ~ Gary Hlastals -- Artwork Submission is in

The Commission reviewed pieces submitted for display prior to the meeting.
Lore Christopher moved to accept Gary Hlastals and Cindy Ingram art as

Packet -- NEED MOTION

**August-September
~ Iris
Festival/KeizerFest
Annual Display**

submitted in for the June and July display. Councilor Reid seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Christopher, Thoreson, Wood, Reid, and Sisco in favor with Steen and one open position. Lore Christopher made a friendly amendment to the motion to give Cindy Ingram the option to wait until Feb and March. Seconded by Councilor Reid. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Christopher, Thoreson, Wood, Reid, and Sisco in favor with Steen and one open position.

**October-November
~ Native American
Indian Display**

**b. Art Submissions
from Cindy
Ingram ~ Feb &
Mar of 2025 is
Available, if her
artwork isn't
shared with
another display
before then.
NEED MOTION**

5. Grant Efforts None.

**6. Review of Arts
Commission
Budget**

a. April 2024

The Commission discussed the budget, the box wraps to be paid in this budget cycle, and the challenge of getting a lift for the story poles to be treated. The Commission has approximately \$3,000 that they could use to buy more art.

The Commission would like to review art approved for the gallery for a year and consider purchasing some of that artwork at a new meeting for Tuesday, June 18th. The packet needs to be sent to Commission right away, and they would select 5 to 10 pieces.

It was suggested to narrow-down future art displays at the time of the displays for possible purchases.

Councilor Reid moved in the coming Fiscal Year to narrow down choices to three for future consideration of purchases. Seconded by Lore Christopher. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Christopher, Thoreson, Steen, Wood, Reid, and Sisco in favor with one open position.

**7. Review Holiday
Card Submissions**

- a. 2024 Submissions** The Commission discussed the artwork submitted, voted, and selected Rachel Wood's Christmas Snowman.
- Lore Christopher moved to accept the Christmas Snowman by Rachel Wood as the Winner of the 2024 Holiday Art Contest. Deborah Sisco seconded. Motion passed as follows: Christopher, Thoreson, Wood, Reid, and Sisco in favor with Steen and one open position.
- 8. New Business** Discussion ensued about the QR Codes to recognize the artists, as to where they would be linked, such as to the City or the Keizer Community Foundation. The Keizer Community Foundation have paid the stipends to the artists. Councilor Reid feels that this topic should go before the City Council once this has been clarified. Lore Christopher suggested the stipends be refunded, so Keizer Community Foundation would no longer be included.
- Deputy City Recorder Dawn Wilson would find out if the stipends has paid for year 2024 and the amount, so they can be refunded to the Keizer Community Foundation in order for the QR Codes to go to the City's website.
- a. Mayor Clark Suggested a Way to Connect with Urban Artists to have Art in & around the Skate Park ~ See attachment from Ramiro Navarro that he posted on Facebook** Kim Steen called the artist but didn't hear back. It was suggested to place this in an archive for future needs. Lore Christopher would also send an email of interest to the artist.
- b. Consider Changing the Meeting Time from 6pm to 5:30pm for All Regular Meetings** The Commission decided to stay with the 6:00 p.m. time for regular meetings.
- c. Discussion on the Idea of QR Codes on the various art pieces pointing to the Keizer Community Foundation where information about the artists could** Discussed out of order, and this would be going to an upcoming Council meeting for discussion.

be housed. The goal is to have all of the City's artwork at a central website so the QR Code would lead to either the City's website or the Keizer Community Foundations website.

- d. **Discussion on Renaming the "Cold, Wet Eagle" - at the Request of a Keizer Resident via the 04/15 Council meeting. Please SEE attached Ordinance, Section 12.**
- The Arts Commission discussed the request and made no recommendation for the artist's integrity. City staff should ask the artist about changing the name and to see if he feels strongly about the name. The conversation would include that the City received a request from a member of the public to look into this, that the Commission just wanted to "feel the waters," and the Commissioners respected his opinion. If he's open to a name change, it would go before the Council.

9. Other Business

- a. **Keizer Public Art Walk brochure ~ updated by Chair Thoreson**
- The Commission reviewed the updated, draft brochure that Chair Thoreson provided. Chair Thoreson commented that she can't finish the brochure until the QR Code and website link has been decided.
- Kim Steen commented that Rosalie's Cows should be Rosalie's Silly Cows. Chair Thoreson asked about including the box wraps, and the Commission agreed that they should be included. It was suggested to print out the brochure and have all the members write on them with suggestions.
- b. **Chair Thoreson to Report on Artwork from a Church's Gallery**
- Chair Thoreson noted that this item can be changed to the Willamette Heritage Center in Salem for the Native American Art.
- c. **Draft Strategic Plan Review ~ Feedback from Members**
- Adam Brown invited any comments. Councilor Reid said that the Arts Commission should use their lens when considering the draft Strategic Plan. Chair Thoreson offered to draft this Commission's comments on goals to attract a community for all, infrastructure, communications, and small town feel.

10. Member

Lore Christopher will report at the June 3rd Council meeting.

**Reporting to
Council at
06/03/24 Council
meeting? (this
was Derek Bish's
position)**

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes approved: 06/18/2024

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