

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ART
Special Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2016 at 3:00 pm
City Manager’s Conference Room

Committee Members:

Dennis Dreher (Co-Chair)
Dennis Hatch (Co-Chair)
Jill Smith - Absent
Al Devine
Cynthia Charat
Cal Kenney
Bee Bantug
Julie Imhof – Arrived late
Vacant

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Susan Seereiter (City Business Advocate)

Guests:

Scott Lindberg

1. Comments: Chairs, Council Liaison and Staff Liaison

- Dennis Hatch thanked the committee members for coming to an additional meeting.

2. Osprey Lot submission review

- The committee went through the submissions and dismissed the options they were not interested in reviewing.
- The committee had a discussion on having a student working on a sculpture with an artist in the future but not for this project.
- The committee had a discussion expressing concern over fiberglass as a material.
- The committee discussed the piece of an osprey nest on a pole submitted by Bob Edging. The committee considered removing the banner.
- The committee had a discussion on the possibility of changing the materials used for the osprey on the pole. It can definitely be done but not within the current budget.
- The committee would like to have Bob Edging present at the City council Meeting to address concerns during approval consideration.

Committee Member Devine moved and committee member Kenney seconded the motion to recommend Bob Edging’s Osprey on Nest art piece. The vote resulted as follows:

**“AYES”: Committee Members Hatch, Dreher, Devine, Kenney, and Imhof. “NAYS”:
Charat and Bantug. Abstain: None. Absent: Smith.**

The motion passed.

3. NEA grant

- Scott came in to speak about the NEA grant and its parameters. This grant would be to fund the planning stage of how the overall vision for the downtown area can focus on an arts theme and perspective.
- This is a two year grant, however it is awarded annually.

Committee Member Bantug moved and Committee Member Devine seconded the motion to recommend that the City pursue an Our Town Grant from the NEA in the amount of \$50,000 for the development of an arts district plan for the Grants Pass downtown core. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Committee Members Hatch, Dreher, Charat, Devine, Kenney, Bantug, and Imhof. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Smith. The motion passed.

- It was confirmed that the museum is onboard with the understanding that they aren't willing to spend money.
- The committee had a discussion on forming a subcommittee for the grant.
- Scott confirmed that the funding would begin in August of 2017 if awarded. If the City were chosen they would be notified in the spring of 2017.
- The committee had a discussion on the desire to recommend that there are wider streets in the arts district.
- The committee had a discussion on what they consider is the “core” of the arts district.
- The committee had a discussion on the desire to have a plaza and Council's plans for future infrastructure.

4. Art Funding Program

- Not discussed.

5. Other CoPA Business

a. Art in Motion

- Met with Republic Services, would like to move the December meeting to the 5th to allow enough time to have the selected pieces printed in time for a January 1st start time.

b. Employee Art Show

- Susan let the committee know that Jon gave approval for CoPA to use the visitor center Friday evening until 9pm and Saturday from 9am until 2pm. His only stipulation was that they needed to have someone onsite to supervise the art as his employees would not be available.
- Cal let the committee know that he is working on the art show with Donna.

Next Meeting: October 11, 2016 5:30PM Courtyard Conference Room

These minutes were prepared by Carlie Appling, Administration Department, City of Grants Pass.