

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ART**  
**Meeting Minutes – August 9, 2016 at 5:30 pm**  
**Courtyard Conference Room**

**Committee Members:**

Dennis Dreher (Co-Chair)  
Dennis Hatch (Co-Chair) - absent  
Jill Smith - absent  
Cara Vincent  
Al Devine  
Cynthia Charat  
Cal Kenney  
Bee Bantug – arrived late  
Julie Imhof – arrived late

**City/Staff/Council Liaisons:**

Susan Seereiter (City Business Advocate)

**Guests:**

Jon Bowen

**1. Introductions**

**2. Review/Approval of Minutes (July 12, 2016 Meeting)**

**Committee Member Kenney moved and Committee Member Vincent seconded the motion to approve the minutes from July 12, 2016 as amended. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Committee Members Dreher, Vincent, Kenney, Devine, and Charat. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Hatch, Bantug, Imhof, and Smith. The motion passed.**

**3. Jon Bowen – Art Along the Rogue**

- Jon came to discuss a few items including portable murals. He would like to use Art Along the Rogue as an opportunity to kick off the concept.
- Jon with COPA’s help will be putting out a call to artists for portable murals to be done at Art Along the Rogue. They are seeking at least two artists.
- The committee discussed what the preference for a standard size would be. Options discussed were 4x4, 4x6, and 4x8.
- Once a standard size has been chosen brackets can be put in place to switch out art at any time. The concept is to put the murals in the alley ways in the Historic District and potentially in empty store fronts.
- Dennis D offered to send the format for the call to artists to Jon.
- It was stated that Bob Edding may have recommendations for artists.
- The committee had a discussion on appropriate themes.
- The committee had a discussion on potential funding
- The committee and Jon had a discussion on “Pop-up” galleries. The concept is to have a non-profit, the museum, sponsor a temporary lease at a greatly reduced rate for mini galleries to be placed in vacant buildings. The land owners can then write off the balance of the reduced rate until the building can be leased by a new business.

- The committee had a discussion on the inclusion of additional performing arts at Art Along the Rogue.
- Jon let it be known that he would like to see art instruction and demonstrations included at Art Along the Rogue.
- Jon let the committee know that he was interested in the idea of having the City Art Show at the Visitor Center but it would need approval by Council.

#### **4. Comments: Chairs, Council Liaison and Staff Liaison**

- Dennis D let the committee know that they talked with Scott about the grant from last meeting. It is possible to get up to \$200,000 in matching funds from what is spent on the H St redevelopment.
- The committee had a discussion on possible ideas for the plaza area.

#### **5. Subcommittee updates**

##### **a. Inventory/Catalog**

- Cara continued working on compiling a master spreadsheet with the information gathered by the subcommittee.
- She will email everything she has worked on so far to Dennis H.
- It was mentioned to include the new art on Mill and E Street, a fiberglass panther by Bob Edding.
- Cara gave her official resignation letter to the committee; she will be moving to attend college.

##### **b. 5<sup>th</sup> and H Development**

- There is a possibility of Bob Edding making a fiberglass art piece that will be more cost effective than the bronze. It could last up to 20 years.
- Peter Sedlow has expressed interest in submitting a proposal.
- Dennis D will confirm that the call to artist he sent out is the current one.

##### **c. City Employee Art Show**

**Committee Member Imhof moved and Committee Member Kenney seconded the motion to recommend to City Council that the City/Committee Art Show be held at the Visitor Center. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Committee Members Dreher, Vincent, Kenney, Devine, Charat, Imhof, and Bantug. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Hatch and Smith. The motion passed.**

##### **d. Mural of the Month**

- The meeting to decide where the grants for next year will go will happen in about a month and a half. They are trying to get the applications online for easier use.

**e. Empty Storefronts**

- Discussed with Jon earlier in the meeting.

**f. Guidelines**

- Dennis D went to the HBSC and formulated the important points.
- Bee and Dennis D are going to work on this and would like to have something drafted by next meeting.

**g. Owl Mural Plaque**

- None.

**6. Other CoPA Business**

- The committee had a brief discussion about the deer sculpture that they visited at RCC.

**Next Meeting: September 13, 2016 5:30PM Courtyard Conference Room**

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