

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ART**  
**Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2021 at 5:30 pm**  
**City Council Chambers**

**Committee Members:**

Sulaiha McDougall (Chair)  
Larry Evans (Vice Chair)  
Cynthia Charat - Absent  
Cal Kenney  
Dennis Hatch  
Michael Holzinger – By Phone  
Robyn Lofing-Dean  
Deanna Morse – By Phone  
Michelle O'Brien - Absent

**City/Staff/Council Liaisons:**

Susan Seereiter (Business Advocate)  
Vanessa Ogier (City Council)

**Guests:**

David Owens  
Sara Bristol  
Valerie Lovelace

1. **Roll Call:** Chair McDougal called the meeting to order and took roll call.
2. **Introductions:** See below
3. **Public Comment:** Councilor Lovelace introduced Councilor Ogier and she wanted to express her appreciation to the committee and was happy to serve as liaison for the past several years and it was time for her to turn over the position to one of the newer councilors.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** December 8, 2020

**MOTION/VOTE**

**Member Morse moved, and Member Hatch seconded the motion to approve the minutes from December 8, 2020. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair McDougall, Vice-Chair Evans, Members Morse, Holzinger, Lofing-Dean, Hatch and Kenney. “NAYS”: None. Absent: O'Brien and Charat.**

**The motion passed.**

**5. Action Items:**

**a. Sister City (Rubtsovsk)**

- Davie Owens is the president of the of the Sister City committee and they are celebrating 31 years. The Sister City started off as a white-water rafting connection.
- Delegation last met in 2019. Last year they were hoping for a 30-year celebration and they are wanting to do a sister city bear as a commemorative for the relationship.
- David wanted to learn more about CoPA and how the two committees might work together.
- He has been working with parks staff to replace birch trees in Reinhardt Park which were planted many years ago. The hope is to also install benches, informative plaques, and an art piece, preferably a bear but open to suggestions from CoPA.
- Member Hatch shared a cost estimate for a metal/bronze 7 ft bear would be around \$40-50K.

- Member Lofing-Dean shared information about the students at Grants Pass High School welding class that may be a good partnership. She also recommended using the example of CoPA's call for artist.
  - David also talked about an upcoming zoom meeting with Sister city and he invited the CoPA to attend if they were interested in hearing more.
  - Mayor Sara Bristol encouraged collaboration between the two committees.
- b. Recap of City Council Strategic Goal setting**
- Chair McDougall shared that the CoPA presentation to Council went well and Councilor Lovelace share the top priorities for 2021.
  - It was acknowledged that several of the projects that CoPA is working on are on the workplan such as Art Spotlight, Walking Art Map and Alley Beautification.
  - Councilor Ogier expressed her excitement to learning more about CoPA and helping to facilitate the project CoPA is working on, especially the Art box project.

**6. Subcommittee Updates:**

- Chair McDougall had all of the goals and subcommittees listed on the agenda and asked for updates as relevant to report.
- Councilor Lovelace mentioned to the committee that the process for facility maintenance would be to identify the pieces and bring the information to City Manager so he could coordinate with Public Works/Property Management.
- Member Hatch discussed meeting with Aaron Cubic to discuss the maintenance of identified art pieces that needed to be repaired or cleaned up.
- There still needs more progress to move the art box project forward. An application and call for artist need to be finalized.

**7. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:**

- Councilor Lovelace spoke of partnering with non-profits to solicit fund raising.
- Staff will pursue the Four Way Foundation Grant for another revenue source for Art Box.
- Councilor Ogier also mentioned that in strategic planning it was discussed using some of the funds from the Alley project for the Art Box project.

**8. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting**

- a. Update on alley art renderings
- b. Parking Lot Art project
- c. GIS

**9. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

**Next meeting date:** March 9, 2021 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers

*Minutes prepared by Susan Seereiter, City Staff Liaison.*