

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ART
Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2019 at 5:30 pm
Courtyard Conference Room

Committee Members:

Dennis Hatch (Chair)
Sulaiha McDougall (Vice Chair)
Cynthia Charat - Absent
Cal Kenney
Bee Bantug
Larry Evans
Michael Holzinger
Robyn Lofing-Dean
Deanna Morse

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Susan Seereiter – Business Advocate
Valerie Lovelace – City Council

Guests:

Diane Hoover
Lucas Brinkerhoff
Melody DiLeva
Bob Eding - Artist
Don Miller - GPID
Carl Hanhart - GPID
Ken Hannum - GPID

- **Roll Call-** Chair Hatch opened the meeting and took roll.
- **Items from Public:** (opportunities for citizens to share information with the Committee regarding items that are not on the agenda) – None.
- **Approval of Minutes: March 12, 2019**
 - Correction – Member Morse noted that on page 2, last bullet, she was the member that asked about adding the Sculpture of the Month.

Motion

Member McDougall moved and Member Kenney seconded the motion to approve the minutes from March 12, 2019 as amended. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”:
Chair Hatch, Vice Chair McDougall, Members Bantug, Evans, Kenney, Holzinger, Lofing-Dean, and Morse. “NAYS”: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Member Charat.
The motion passed.

- **Work Session Items:**
 - Irrigation District Mural Proposal -
 - Mr. Carl Hanhart addressed the committee and is on the Board at the Grants Pass Irrigation District (GPID). They have been looking at placing a mural on the wall at the office of the GPID. Mr. Eding has agreed to do the mural. They are asking for financial assistance for the mural. Chair Hart explained that he can't commit since they are an advisory committee and there is a procedure for public art placement. There is an application process. The City could pay for up to 20% of the total which would be \$1,000.
 - Mr. Eding explained his vision for the mural which would include Savage Rapids Dam and representing some of the history for Grants Pass. The mural would be placed on the back of the office building on Fruitdale Drive at the South Y. It would be very visible at this location. Sulaiha asked if he had other ideas as well and what was the reason behind choosing this? He mentioned the history from 1918 of the Savage Rapids Dam. The subject of the mural is not locked in. Chair Hatch asked if Mr. Eding could do some concept drawings that could be submitted to the City Council. He will provide that.
 - Susan asked if there could be a plaque with information for the mural so people know what it is? They discussed ways to do this and Mr. Miller can provide a plaque from 1918 or 1919. Susan also mentioned that this

committee does have discretionary funding that can be used for this mural and that can be presented to the Council that these funds are available. They will fill out the application and get it back to this committee.

Motion

Member Kenney moved and Member Morse seconded the motion to recommend to City Council to allocate 20% (or \$1,000) for a mural on the GPID building on Fruitdale Drive.

The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Hatch, Vice Chair McDougall, Members Bantug, Evans, Kenney, Lofing-Dean, and Morse. “NAYS”: Holzinger. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Charat.

The motion passed.

- Salmon Lot - Lucas Brinkerhoff
 - Lucas brought one of his sculptures to show members. He talked about finishing one sculpture and making a mold for another. He also explained his process for moving them once finished. The sculpting takes a lot of time but he feels the female version will be easier. He is hoping to have it done in a few months but needs more supplies and some of the processes take quite a bit of time.
- Alley Beautification – Diane Hoover
 - Diane thanked CoPA for putting together a subcommittee for the Alley Beautification project. Chair Hatch clarified that it is an Interactive Murals/Beautification Committee. She further spoke about attending their last meeting and appreciates the thoughtfulness this committee is putting into the program. Chair Hatch stated he left that meeting to prevent a quorum. He cautioned about committee communication amongst the sub-committee members and the other members of CoPA. They discussed various rules and procedures.

Diane continued with her information about the sub-committee recommendations. She handed out documents to members regarding the planning for the project. She has scheduled a City Council project in June. The sub-committee will get information to present to CoPA by the May meeting. Chair Hatch suggested adding the Historical Building and Sites Commission and the Tourism Committee. Diane mentioned those that are part of the sub-committee: Diane Hoover, Jon Bowen, Susan Seereiter, Duane Meggesi, Trevor Yarrish, and Grant Stutzman. They met last week and discovered through Susan that the City is currently planning setting aside funding for FY' 19-20 for the alley beautification project. Noted was that CoPA should have a concept for the alleys from beginning to end.

- Member Dean talked about possibly doing the arches and some 3-D sculpture bases. The Blue Zones people will be done in May of 2020. All of the alleys will have a theme. The Osprey, the Redwood and the Wing. More can be added as well. Diane mentioned that the alley next to the Haul will be a destination alley. They will have interactive art murals, seating and maybe a topographical map on the wall listing all the cool things to do in Grants Pass. Each alley needs to be its own standalone park since the City has control over the parks and not affix anything to any of the historical buildings. Murals will have standalone frames so they do not have to be affixed. Murals can be themed and rotated out on

a periodic basis. Members talked about the murals and having them on walls with permission or in frames and locked down. They also talked about putting webcams in the alleys during the activation times. Chair Hatch encouraged involving HBSC (Historical Buildings and Sites Commission) Parks and Tourism committees in these discussions. There are timelines to consider as well. Diane mentioned that Chair Ward from the HBSC is aware of the concepts. The sub-committee will also work on the concepts for the art for each alley. Member Bantug asked what they will be unveiling in August; a presentation of the concepts of the beautification or a presentation and unveiling a beautified alley? Diane answered a presentation of the concept to the public to gain awareness. The City Council will be making sure the public has buy-in. Each committee will have to speak with their constituents to be sure they are addressing concerns. Susan added that the whole idea of the alley activation and beautification is just for the experience. So, what kind of enhancements can be placed in these alleys for beautification? This committee doesn't have to make all the decisions.

- Chair Hatch asked the committee to do a proposal by the next meeting? Member McDougall will ask to be on the agenda of these other committees.
- Art in Motion RFP –
 - Susan mentioned that member Bantug visited the bus shop and took pictures of her art on the bus. They talked about the look of the art on the bus and noted some issues. They talked about social media. The City has a Facebook page and wouldn't want each committee to have their own page. Any submissions can be put on the City page through Karen Frerk. We also have Instagram and Twitter. Member Holzinger noted there are issues with submittals of items with the City. Councilor Lovelace will investigate it.
 - They noted the size of the art on the bus is small. Items now are on the sides of the busses instead of the back. Susan noted that JCT is doing this as a courtesy on one bus, both sides. Art is also no longer on the small bus since it is not getting out as often and the art isn't seen. Susan will ask Scott Chancey if he will consider using the back of the bus.
 - They discussed the sizing and proportions of the art. Chair Hatch feels they need to put in the RFP that they need the wording to be visible from a distance. Susan noted they got sponsors back also. She had some challenges with contact people but is set for this year.
 - Susan asked when they would like to send out the call for artists prospectus?
 - Member Bantug mentioned the challenges of getting the momentum for advertising for the RFPs. They can be shared on members individual social media accounts. Susan said it goes out on the JoCoNet newsletter, the City website, Jon's tourism website (Experience Grants Pass), and city email. Additional suggestions would be radio and TV PSAs, and the Chamber website. Artists should be local to southern Oregon. Member Evans is doing the graphic design. He will speak further with Susan for completion.
- Labeling of plaques
 - Susan talked about the plaques that could have the artists name and/or other information. It would be nice to have one that CoPA could

recommend that would be consistent and have the same information on it no matter where its installed. It will be placed on the next agenda.

- Mural repair policy
 - Chair Hatch asked everyone to think about coming up with a policy. He thanked Valerie on behalf of the City Council for the support at the City Council meeting. He noted the City Council is still working on the percent amount with potential of getting the same amount but discretionary. Councilor Lovelace said it will be brought up again along with the lodging tax. CoPA is asking for 1% which based on current lodging tax dollars would be about \$17,000/year. Council has made a change to give the committee discretion. The committee will need to decide if they will spend it on parking lots, mural repair, restoration, etc. Susan added that there is parking lot art project that is funded \$15,000 every year. The presentation for the chainsaw artist will be at the Council workshop on Monday the 15th. The cost will only be \$11,000 for his project. There will be some discretionary funds. They talked about it being an art repair policy and not just a mural repair policy.
 - Member Dean asked how many parking lots are there that don't have art? Susan said there are four (Beaver, Duck, Bear and Redwood).
- **Information Sharing:**
 - **Items from Staff –**
 - None
 - **Items from Committee Members**
 - Member Holzinger asked about the presentation given about the art for in front of the police station. Councilor Lovelace mentioned the development of a police memorial wall. The Council has approved the service memorial that would be at the confluence at E and F streets or and Borne Park where the mail bear is located. It makes sense it would be placed at the new police station. There is a 1% art construction fund coming out of construction projects.
 - Member Dean asked if anyone attended the alley beautification luncheon last week? Susan did attend and it was mainly about the timeline.
 - Member Kenney mentioned poetry starting Friday night at the Grants Pass Museum of Art. They will have a guest reader that teaches poetry at UCLA.
 - **Items from Council Liaison**
 - None
 - **Subcommittee updates**
 - None
 - **Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting**
 - Alley Beautification.
 - Labeling of art plaques.
 - **Adjournment**
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm

Next scheduled meeting: May 14, 2019 at 5:30 pm, Courtyard Conference Room

Minutes prepared by Donna Anderson, City of Grants Pass Administration.