

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ART
Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm
City Council Chambers

Committee Members:

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

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Susan Seereiter (Business Advocate)
Valerie Lovelace (City Council)

Guests:

James Love

1. **Roll Call:** Chair McDougall called the meeting to order and took roll call.
2. **Introductions:** None
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** August 11, 2020

MOTION/VOTE

Member Evans moved, and Member Holzinger seconded the motion to approve the minutes from August 11, 2020. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair McDougall, Vice-Chair Evans, Members Morse, Holzinger and Kenney. “NAYS”: None. Absent: Lofing-Dean, Hatch, Charat, and O'Brien. The motion passed.

5. Action Items:

a. Downtown Master Plan (draft update)

- James Love from Terrain Landscape and Architecture gave close to a one-hour presentation with many questions and interactions from the committee.
- One focus of the presentation was the importance of trees in the downtown.
- Another focus was the importance of public art.
- CoPA agreed and advocates for more public art and more pedestrian friendly spaces.
- Benches are valuable for older visitors, yet, the transient population is the reason why so many have been removed.
- There was discussion about an art walk and more focus on service alleyways that could be enhanced for pedestrians to connect to the downtown.
- One of the alleys of interest was the service alley off 5th Street between G and H Street.
- James suggested a good place for the art walk would be adjacent to the Post Office through the Bourne Railway that links to the Grasshopper parking lot.
- James showed different renditions and uses for the Owl parking lot to serve as a plaza venue while still maintaining parking during business hours.
- Lights overhead on 5th Street between G and H Street have been planned and pavers were discussed for the parking lot and street.

6. Subcommittee Updates:

- Staff liaison Susan shared the progress being made to update the public art photos on the tourism website thanks to Steven Sabel and Jonas Stewart.
- Chair McDougall called for a comprehensive process and referred to a “source of truth” to updating the art inventory and asked where the inventory spreadsheet was housed. The inventory is housed at city hall and accessible to city employees and that the inventory sub-committee also has access.
- Councilor Lovelace suggested that Steven Sabel come to the next CoPA meeting and introduce himself to the committee.
- Discussion about an art map followed and how a QR code might be utilized for more access.
- Chair McDougall referred to the updated list of sub-committee tasks that were provided in a handout and asked for the members to weigh in on contacting Republic Services to see if they would consider sponsoring the Art Box project.
- Discussion followed and there was no decision made.
- Sponsorship ideas were shared.
- Member Kenney mentioned the importance of staying in touch with the Oregon Cultural Coalition for grant opportunities.

7. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

- One of the items on the agenda that was tabled due to time constraints was the topic of *Reflections on CoPA during Covid*. Chair McDougall asked members to think about how CoPA can be of service during this time and what ideas members may have.
- Member Morse shared that there is so much isolation as a result of the virus and wanted to start a conversation with members on how CoPA might make a difference.

8. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting

- a. Steven Sabel tourism activity update.

9. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Next meeting date: October 13, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers

Minutes prepared by Susan Seereiter, City Staff Liaison.