

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ART
Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2020 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)
Valerie Lovelace (City Council)

1. **Roll Call:** Chair McDougal called the meeting to order and took roll call.
2. **Introductions:** None
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** October 13, 2020

MOTION/VOTE

Member Morse moved, and Member Kenney seconded the motion to approve the minutes from October 13, 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. Goal Setting for Council Strategic Planning

- Chair McDougall referred to the goal worksheet that she provided for each member to start the conversation:

Goal: Increase visibility of the arts in our community.

- Councilor Lovelace talked about the importance of events in the future and the possibility of committees moving things forward
- Member Lofing-Dean expressed interactive art and murals for selfies.
- Councilor Lovelace shared that Council approved an Independent starter board that will formulate a destination marketing organization (DMO)
- Walking Art map
- Parking lot plaques
- Facilities maintenance
- Honoring artwork/pieces in the community (four per year), possibly the Museum of Art for all they do. Cheerleading the perseverance of the art community.
- High School was also mentioned to be acknowledged for art contributions.
- Committee to flesh out more details of what this would look like.
- Discussion about “facilities” for maintenance and Councilor Lovelace said she would look into how that \$10K can be spent for art maintenance.

Goal: Achieve continuity in the underlying purpose for selected public art

- Vice Chair mentioned the importance of continuity of art and relationship with artist to manage projects and quality of execution.
- Themes were mentioned to be part of the process
- Discussion followed of how involved the committee needs to be with the artist that are chosen to fulfil the project. Managing the process is something the committee should be more involved in.

Goal: Create continuity in committee practices to ensure quality standards for facilitated public art.

- After action review of art projects
- Monthly updates from artists
- Themes as a possibility
- As facilitators, it's important to also let the artist be the artist.

Goal: Save Art Along the Rogue

- Committee will be invited to the events discussion on November 12th

Goal: Increase number of opportunities for artists in Grants Pass

- Apply for cultural trust grant to help initiate the art box project
- Determine how much paint needs to be ordered, set up call for artist and figure out if a stipend is appropriate.
- Cost of paint would be approximately \$150 per box
- Who would purchase the base coat and prime the boxes?
- More discussion followed

6. Subcommittee Updates:

- Alley Beautification: the committee reviewed the sample metal flower from Joseph Johnson.
- Committee is waiting to get the sample drawing to move forward.

7. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

- Councilor Lovelace spoke of partnering with non-profits to solicit fund raising.

8. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting

- a. Steven Sabel tourism activity update.
- b. Revisit member Holzinger's Art Box proposal

9. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Next meeting date: December 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers

Minutes prepared by Susan Seereiter, City Staff Liaison.