

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ART
Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2016 at 5:30 pm
Courtyard Conference Room

Committee Members:

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

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Shonna Bouteller (City Council)
Darin Fowler (Mayor)
Susan Seereiter (City Business Advocate)

Guests:

1. Introductions (Volunteer of the Year Application – Darin Fowler)

- The Volunteer Dinner will be held on July 14th at Reinhart Park.
- 3 awards will be given- Volunteer of the Year, Volunteer Group of the Year, Future Citizen of the Year
- Forms to nominate a volunteer in the community are available on the website, at admin, or Darin has some available.
- Anyone within the community is eligible to be nominated.

2. Review/Approval of Minutes (from February 9, 2016 and March 8, 2016 meetings)

Committee Member Kenney moved and Committee Member Devine seconded the motion to approve the minutes from February 9, 2016 as submitted. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Committee Members Dreher, Hatch, Vincent, Devine, Kenney, and Bantug. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None Absent: Members Imhof, Smith, and Charat. The motion passed.

Committee Member Bantug moved and Committee Member Devine seconded the motion to approve the minutes from March 8, 2016 as submitted. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Committee Members Dreher, Hatch, Vincent, Devine, Kenney, and Bantug. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Members Imhof, Smith, and Charat. The motion passed.

3. Comments: Chairs, Council Liaison and Staff Liaison

- Co-Chair Dennis D encouraged the sub-committees to meet regularly and bring their discussions back to the committee as a whole.
- .City has embarked on an urban renewal process

- Branding is complete. Susan shared samples of some of the new wayfinding signs.
- RDI – Rural Development Initiatives - did a first impressions study of the city. Susan encouraged committee members to attend. April 15th in the Council Chambers.

4. Americans for the Arts Survey – Guest – Hyla Lipson

- Hyla not present.

5. Discussion of location for 2016 Art Project

- \$15,000 allocated for a parking lot. Where and how to spend that?
- The committee had a discussion over whether the Owl parking lot or the Osprey parking lot would be better.

Committee Member Devine moved and Committee Member Bantug seconded the motion to have the location for the 2016 Art Project be the Osprey Parking Lot. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Committee Members Dreher, Hatch, Vincent, Devine, Kenney, and Bantug. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Members Imhof, Smith, and Charat. The motion passed.

- Dennis D volunteered to draft a a Call to Artists for the Osprey Lot piece.
- The Committee discussed forming a sub-committee with the purpose of partnering with the HBSC to develop an approval process for the murals within the Historic District. Committee members Vincent, Devine, Bantug, and Hatch volunteered.
- Darin expressed his approval with COPA’s plans to bring art to the City by adding a new art piece to a parking lot each year.
- Dennis D and Susan will explore possibilities for developing fee-based funding for Public. Dennis D will report back to the Committee as a whole.
- The Committee had a discussion on whether a 1% or a 2% charge to developers would be more beneficial.

6. Visions/Ideas – Bee

- Bee expressed that she would like to fine tune some of the programs that are already in place for the next five years and draw attention to them.
- Bee brought up that she would like to see more marketing and possibly a better website for COPA. Possibly come up with a nickname or a tag line, or a phrase to help identify COPA and let the community know what COPA does and what they are all about
- It was mentioned that COPA’s main purpose is as an advisory board only and they are not meant to do marketing. It was recommended to discuss this with Shonna as she is the Council liaison.
- Bee wants to release news releases to paper, news, etcetera about what COPA is doing.

- She wants to make available space for drums circles and other forms of Public Art. She was told to talk to Jon Bowen about First Friday. The broader vision is wonderful but they aren't all necessarily COPA related. COPA is only for advisory on public art.

7. Sub-Committee updates

A. Inventory/Catalog

- Bee was able to give Cara some older documents and information to add to the database she will be working on.
- Need to set a timeline for look at art.

B. 5th and H Development

- None.

C. Forest Service Property (Ad Hoc Committee)

- Is this architecture public art?
- Should COPA tour the building?

8. Activity Reports (Cal – revive City Employee Art show & Mural of the Month. AI – Raccoons and River Children update)

- AI sent out PDFs on the River Children – create a series of art all the way from downtown to the river
- AI Devine presented Raccoon Alley as a public Art project. The Project would extend from the bump outs on 6th street to the corner of 5th and H. AI will be putting it all together. Jan Van Ek is the artist he is currently speaking to.
- Cal requested to table his items until next meeting.

9. Other CoPA Business

- None.

Next Meeting: May 10, 2016 5:30pm, Courtyard Conference Room

These minutes were prepared by Carlie Paulsen, Administration Department, City of Grants Pass.