

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ART**  
**Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2016 at 5:30 pm**  
**Courtyard Conference Room**

**Committee Members:**

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

**City/Staff/Council Liaisons:**

Shonna Bouteller (City Council) - absent  
Susan Seereiter (City Business Advocate)

**Guests:**

1. **Introductions**
2. **Review/Approval of Minutes** (April 12, 2016 Meeting)

**Committee Member Kenney moved and Committee Member Devine seconded the motion to approve the minutes from April 12, 2016 as submitted. The vote resulted as follows:**  
**“AYES”:** Committee Members Dreher, Hatch, Vincent, Devine, Kenney, and Bantug.  
**“NAYS”:** None. Abstain: Smith, Charat. Absent: Imhof. The motion passed.

**3. Comments: Chairs, Council Liaison and Staff Liaison**

- The meetings are going too long; the committee would like to try to limit the meetings to no longer than 7:00pm.
- If committee members want to discuss a subject they need to let the Co-Chairs know so that it can be added on the agenda.
- Susan let the committee know that the wayfinding signs are moving forward. There will be a large one off of exit 58, one at the welcome center, one by wheeler Toyota, and one near Elmers on exit 55 – These should be up by Boatnik.
- The “old town” signs will be replaced with Historic District signs.

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

- Hyla put out a request for volunteers to help obtain 800 audience surveys from various events in the Grants Pass area (concerts in the park, Barnstormers, County Fair, Boatnik).
- No more than 80 surveys per event will qualify.
- This will show a comparison of events in Grants Pass vs other communities.

**5. Master Plan Review**  
**1. Art in Motion**

- The summer exhibition period began May 1<sup>st</sup>, winter poster boards will be offered to the artists.
- Art in motion new call to artist will be issued in mid-summer.

## **2. Comprehensive Inventory**

- Dennis, bee, and Cara met last week and set a timeline for when they want to have stages of the inventory complete.
- The excel format is built with all of the factors the committee wants to include.
- They want to have the access format complete by the July meeting.
- The current data should be in the excel spreadsheet by the June meeting.
- The subcommittee is getting together June 2<sup>nd</sup> to research new data.

## **3. Art in Public Places approval process**

- The Subcommittee will be working on this in conjunction with HBSC.

## **4. 5<sup>th</sup> and H Redevelopment**

- Several projects are in the works.
- The City is working with an engineer on resurfacing the Owl parking lot.
- Jill gathered historical information on the Owl Mural. That building and surrounding buildings were originally built as warehouses. There was a building constructed around 1910 where the Osprey lot is now. The murals precede 1910. When a fire hit in the 1980s it burnt off the top layer of paint covering the Owl mural.
- Jill suggested that we get a brass plaque engraved with the history of the Owl mural.
- Al Devine is working on possibilities for three self-funded murals. There is little information as of yet but he is working with Art Along the Rogue, RCC, and the Bear Hotel Artists..

## **5. Funding**

- The committee had a discussion about how to cut costs down to salvage funding for additional projects.

## **6. Increasing COPA's involvement in music and dramatic arts**

- This is still in the development stage.

## **6. Call for Artist for Osprey Parking Lot**

- The call for artist will be going out soon.
- The City has to put out a budget on the RFP, it was suggested to put out a range rather than a single maximum number.
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## **7. Committee update at City Council Workshop (May 23, 2016)**

- Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:45
- The slides will be sent out to the committee prior to the meeting.

**Committee Member Smith moved and Committee Member Vincent seconded the motion to request approval to move forward on getting a brass plaque at the Owl lot to explain the history of the Owl Mural. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Committee Members Dreher, Hatch, Vincent, Devine, Kenney, Smith, Charat, Imhof, and Bantug. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.**

- The committee will need to get approval from the building owner, possibly the City and HBSC. Once approved the costs and logistics can be gathered for final approvals.

## **8. Subcommittee updates**

### **A. Inventory/Catalog**

- **Discussed under Comprehensive Inventory**

### **B. 5<sup>th</sup> and H Development**

- Discussed during Master Plan Review

### **C. Forest Service Property (Ad Hoc Committee)**

- Dismissed

### **D. City Employee Art Show**

- It is suggested that city employees be contacted to gauge interest in participating. Susan mentioned that this year is the centennial for Josephine County; perhaps expand the idea to the county as well? Susan and Shonna can assist as liaisons.

### **E. Mural of the Month**

- The idea was to put a photo and brief description in the paper of a new mural each month. The Courier is unable to print this on a regular basis free of charge. Possibly look into a grant?

## **9. Other CoPA Business**

- The committee discussed the first impressions group that came in.
- Member Smith remarked that the first impressions seemed to mirror into the goal setting points.
- First Impressions didn't care for the empty store fronts. Jon Bowen has something in the works to have advertising in the store fronts. The committee would like to look at the possibility of mobile art for this purpose as well.

**Next Meeting: June 14, 2016 5:30pm, Courtyard Conference Room**

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