

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ART
Meeting Minutes – July 12, 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 absent/excused

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Susan Seereiter (City Business Advocate)

Guests:

Julie Schmelzer
Val Ornelas

1. Introductions

2. Review/Approval of Minutes (June 14, 2016 Meeting)

Committee Member Smith moved and Committee Member Vincent seconded the motion to approve the minutes from June 14, 2016 as submitted. The vote resulted as follows:

“AYES”: Committee Members Dreher, Hatch, Smith, Vincent, Kenney, and Bantug.

“NAYS”: None. Abstain: Devine and Charat. Absent: Imhof. The motion passed.

3. Comments: Chairs, Council Liaison and Staff Liaison

- The mural project has begun on Herb Shop.
- Bob Edding received the bid to do the Napa building mural. He has made some adjustments per the owner’s request and will begin on that shortly after he completes the gateway mural.
- The Mayor’s volunteer dinner is on Thursday.
- Susan let the committee know that there was no response to the call to artist for the Osprey lot. They will need to send it out again and look for different channels to get the word out. Word of mouth may be best the option.
- The committee had a discussion to consider raising the maximum proposal limit to \$15,000.
- The committee members made several suggestions for artists and will reach out to them independently.
- Susan discussed a link she sent out to the committee towards getting a grant and asked for input/ideas. The Fairgrounds were mentioned as an option.
- The committee had a discussion of mural ideas for the grandstands.

4. Subcommittee updates

a. Inventory/Catalog

- Evergreen gave an excel list of their art which lists their pieces at the school district, wildlife images, etc. included.

- The subcommittee met and discussed the process of gathering missing info and it should be minimal effort.
- The next step is just to compile the data into the spreadsheet.
- Cara will be uploading the data.

b. 5th and H Development

- The subcommittee will meet on the 19th at 5:00pm in the Courtyard Conference Room.
- There was a discussion of portable murals to be introduced at Art along the Rogue, this will be discussed in further depth at the subcommittee meeting and brought back to COPA as a whole.

c. City Employee Art Show

- There are 15 people interested including committee members.
- The committee discussed the possibility of holding the art show at the welcome center.
- The committee had a discussion of the logistics of getting the show put together. The subcommittee was told to discuss details with Donna Anderson and Susan.

d. Mural of the Month

- Cal reached out to the cultural coalition and they said they will get back to him to discuss funding for next year.
- The committee discussed what mural of the month is and how it might be placed within the newspaper if funding is acquired.

e. Empty Storefronts

- Julie will be reaching out to Jon Bowen to discuss empty store fronts.
- The committee discussed different options and past projects. The subcommittee will need to determine where they are moving with this project before further discussion can take place.

f. Guidelines

- Dennis and Dennis met last week to and went over notes on the format for the meeting with HBSC.
- The committee discussed the desire to streamline the process to make it easier for the artists. This will include having COPA weigh in on the art itself and who the artist will be. HBSC can weigh in on if it fits into the Historic District and are the materials good for the historic district.
- Justin Gindlesperger is going to attend the meeting between the HBSC and COPA, Susan will as well.
- The Napa building opted out of the historic district so they will not need to go through the HBSC for approvals.

g. Owl Mural Plaque

- Jill requested that Susan send her the contact information for the owner of the Owl building.
- The proposed plaque will be 8.5x11 with 3 paragraphs and a picture or two. The initial quote Jill received was less than \$100 in stainless and a

little more for bronze. The company would need more information for the quote in bronze.

- Susan will double check on if the committee needs to run the plaque by HBSC.
- Jill suggested asking if Joan with the historical society would write up the information.

5. Other CoPA Business

a) Visit the Deer – Wednesday July 20, 2016 9:00AM, building Y at RCC

- Not discussed in detail.

b) Herb Shop Mural – Funding request, fund-raising event on July 23, 2016 (Time TBD)

- Val let the committee know that there will be a fund raising event on the 23rd of July. There will be music, activities for kids, and food. It will be held at 4th and G St from around 9:30am to 2:00pm.
- The committee discussed that it would be great to have a COPA presence at the fund raiser but Susan cautioned against that to not appear that COPA is the fund raising entity.
- Great to be community members but not as City representatives.
- Judy was inquiring about getting funds from the City for the Herb Shop mural.
- The committee had a debate over the pros and cons of using City funds for art that will not be City owned. It might not be in the best interest of the City to set a precedence of getting City funding for private art pieces
- No action was taken regarding a request for City funding of the Garden Mural.

Next Meeting: August 9, 2016 5:30PM Courtyard Conference Room

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