

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ART
Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Ridge Conference Room

Committee Members:

Larry Evans (Chair)
Cal Kenney (Vice Chair) -
Sulaiha McDougall -
Michael Holzinger – By Teams
Robyn Lofing-Dean
Deanna Morse – By Teams
Pattie Crumpton – Absent
Diane Dahlgren – Absent
Kate Bortells – Absent

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Gabby Sinagra (Assistant Planner)
Vanessa Ogier (City Council)

Guests:

Melissa Ghighlieri

1. **Roll Call:** Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and took roll call.
2. **Introductions:** None
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** January 11, 2022

MOTION/VOTE

Member Kenney moved, and Member McDougall seconded the motion to approve the minutes from January 11, 2022, with one edit to Action Item 5a, Bullet 3. The edit included removing the language “adding two additional ducks” to replace it with “creating life size rendition.” The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Evans, Vice-Chair Kenney, Members Morse, Holzinger, Lofing-Dean, and McDougall. “NAYS”: None. Absent: Members Crumpton, Dahlgren, and Bortells.
The motion passed.

5. Action Items:

a. Duck Lot Artist Final Renditions

- Artist Melissa Ghighlieri gave a presentation of the finalized designs for the Duck Lot Mural and the Utility Box for the Committee to consider. The committee clarified certain aspects of the designs relating to size, scale, and style.
- There was additional discussion concerning the hedges along the wall for the Duck Lot Mural Project. The Committee inquired about updates from Facilities pertaining to the process for removing these hedges. Staff Liaison Sinagra commented she would retrieve more information regarding this request for the next committee meeting.
- The committee discussed concerns revolving around blank spaces in the Utility Box designs and the potential for graffiti. Member Holzinger suggested a pattern be added to the design. Other Members disagreed and suggested a vote occur.
- There was discussion revolving around funding mechanisms for the Utility Boxes, how much has been spent, where the money is coming from, and how much is left. The Committee expressed interest for Staff Liaison Sinagra to get more information on these topics and report back to the Committee.

MOTION/VOTE

Chair Evans prompted a vote for the Committee to approve or deny the finalized designs Artist Ghiglieri submitted for the Duck Lot Mural and Utility Box projects as presented. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Evans, Vice-Chair Kenney, Members Morse, Lofing-Dean, and McDougall. “NAYS”: Member Holzinger. Absent: Members Crumpton, Dhalgren, and Bortells.
The vote passed.

b. Recap of Strategic Planning

- Chair Evans provided a summation of the presentation given during Strategic Planning focusing specifically on next steps for the Committee’s request for an allocation of the Tourism Tax to various COPA projects.
- Council Liaison Ogier clarified the items that made it onto the Strategic Planning Document which were: COPA’s request for Tourism Tax funds, the creation of an Art Along the Rogue Taskforce, increased communication between Advisory Committees, and Developing maps including an Artwalk, Historic Walk, and Downtown Residential Biking Map.
- The Committee discussed matters concerning funding and continuation of the Parking Lot Art Projects; specifically, where the funding is coming from and how much is currently allocated for these projects. Staff Liaison Sinagra agreed to get more information pertaining to these matters for the next committee meeting.
- The Committee decided to make a motion to City Council to begin the process for another parking lot and to send out a call for artists.

MOTION/VOTE

Chair Evans moved to request a Call for Artists for the Beaver Parking Lot to City Council. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Evans, Vice-Chair Kenney, Members Morse, Holzinger, Lofing-Dean, and McDougall. “NAYS”: None. Absent: Crumpton, Dhalgren, and Bortells.
The motion passed.

c. Public Art of the Month:

- Vice Chair Kenney relayed his discussion with Sue from the Daily Courier about monthly features of different art in the City and the budget of \$1,500 for the year.
- The Committee briefly discussed potential collaboration with Tori Middlestadt, the Director of Destination Marketing, to create an online presence of Public Art of the Month.

MOTION/VOTE

Member McDougall moved and Member Lofing-Dean seconded the motion to utilize \$1,500 of the Discretionary Fund to continue Public Art of the Month. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Evans, Vice-Chair Kenney, Members Morse, Holzinger, Lofing-Dean, and McDougall. “NAYS”: None. Absent: Crumpton, Dhalgren, and Bortells.
The motion passed.

d. Art Box Installation Procedures:

- The Committee decided to utilize the vinyl wrap procedure for all of the Art Boxes.

6. Subcommittee Updates

- Subcommittee for the Art Map is continuing work on this project. Member Morse reported her research into other cities doing Art Maps including spotlighting

different artworks and associated information on them. Member Morse included recommendations of 10 pieces of art located in the Downtown Historic Grants Pass District to Member Dahlgren in their correspondence.

- Member Holzinger contacted Peter Sedlow regarding bronze statue repairs but is waiting to hear back.
- Staff Liaison Sinagra agreed to reach out to Gary Spallino on the timeline for repairing the Gold Miner statue.
- Staff Liaison Sinagra clarified the remaining Art Box artists and the contracts to be sent out to them now that the vinyl wrap installation has been decided upon.
- Chair Evans requested Staff Liaison Sinagra look into the lighting issues for the Osprey Alley.
- Chair Evans suggested the Committee review matters to bring up for a dedicated discussion on what went well with past projects for the next Committee meeting.

Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

- The Committee requested that Staff Liaison Sinagra send them Chair Evans' Powerpoint from Strategic Planning for review.

7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting

- a. Breakdown of different funding sources and their respective balances
- b. Art Box Updates
- c. Public Art of the Month
- d. Beaver Parking Lot
- e. Alley Beautification Project and discussion for the next potential alleyway
- f. Art Along the Rogue Theme
- g. Art Map and discussion of 10 potential art spotlights to be included
- h. Dedicated Discussion on What Went Well with Past Projects

8. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Next meeting date: March 8, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the Ridge Conference Room.

Minutes prepared by Gabby Sinagra, City Staff Liaison.