

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ART
Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2019 at 5:30 pm
Courtyard Conference Room

Committee Members:

Dennis Hatch (Chair)
Sulaiha McDougall (Vice Chair)
Cynthia Charat
Cal Kenney
Bee Bantug - Absent
Larry Evans
Michael Holzinger
Robyn Lofing-Dean - Absent
Deanna Morse

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Valerie Lovelace – City Council
Susan Seereiter – Business Advocate
Shirley Holzinger
Lucas Brinkerhoff

Guests:

Lucy Miece
Gary Spallino

- **Roll Call-** Chair Hatch opened the meeting and took roll. New member, Larry Evans, was introduced.
- **Items from Public:** (opportunities for citizens to share information with the Committee regarding items that are not on the agenda) – None.
- **Approval of Minutes: December 11, 2018**

Motion

Member McDougall moved and Member Charat seconded the motion to approve the minutes from December 11, 2018 as written. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”:
Chair Hatch, Vice Chair McDougall, Members Charat, Kenney, Holzinger, and Morse.
“NAYS”: None. **Abstain:** Evans. **Absent:** Members Bantug and Lofing-Dean
The motion passed.

- **Work Session Items:**
 - Salmon Lot Artist
 - Lucas updated the committee on his progress on his artwork. He has made 6 out of the 7 molds. He presented photos of the process. He has a lot of steps left to go but is moving along well. He is pushing to be done in the spring despite a few setbacks.
 - Gary Spallino/Lucy Miece – Frog Lot Artist
 - Gary Spallino was present to talk about his art. Members went through photos of Gary’s frog proposals and discussed each piece and the longevity of the finish. Pieces would need to be maintained yearly. It would require 2 gallons each time at a cost of about \$40 to \$100 per gallon depending on which brand is used, either Log Oil or Sikkens Finish. The base of the pieces will be concrete slabs. Valerie mentioned that the bases/foundation must be taken care of as part of the whole project. They need to be strong and safe. The artist is still in the drawing stage, so adjustments can be made.
 - Member Evans asked if there are prototypes? Gary answered that these are log carvings so there aren’t prototypes. Gary will provide the measurements then goes right to carving.
 - Chair Hatch explained the Council approval process. He suggested that Gary be present and the Council meeting in case there are questions.
 - Lucy Miece will provide more information for other concepts this committee is interested in including more colorful frogs.

- Member Charat asked if he could resketch one of the drawings to show more stability and strength.
- Members discussed the type of wood that will be used. Gary uses incense cedar and has all the wood.
- They discussed the budget for materials and additional maintenance.

Motion

Member Kenney moved and Member Holzinger seconded the motion to approve the proposal for the Gary Spallino art piece for the Frog Parking Lot to the City Council. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Hatch, Members Charat, Kenney, Holzinger, McDougall, Evans, and Morse. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Members Bantug and Lofing-Dean. The motion passed.

Work session items continued:

- **Parking lot names and alley activation recommendations –**
 - Susan spoke about the Alley Activation – Susan mentioned the alley at the Wing Building (G Street) there will be no gates used in the project. They discussed the Wing name along with Beaver name and other parking lots and alleys with names in the area. Dennis asked members to keep this in mind and if they would like other names to write them down.
- **Strategic Planning and Goals update -**
 - Susan talked about the top goals per the City Council.
 - There was discussion about art on new buildings and Valerie mentioned the new Public Safety building will have a piece of art on it. There is a military flag display that may be considered for this location. They were the same flags that were considered for the confluence at E and F streets.
 - Valerie talked about litter enforcement and cleaning up the downtown that is also on the goals list.
 - Maintenance/vandalism of art pieces was also discussed. Since this is public art, can we/City contribute funds for mural damage? The condition of Ward Warren’s building was talked about.
- **Plaques for art work –**
 - Susan shared two ideas for plaques. This started because of the need to have a plaque at Bourne Railway Park (named after Jonathan Bourne). It was dedicated by Evergreen Bank and the art done by Bob Edding. One is made from bronze for \$200 and one is brass for \$19. Mike Byrne is helping with this project. Member Holzinger suggested bronze as it will hold up better. They discussed the best ways to do the engraving and keep the costs down.
- **Art in Motion Update -**
 - Members discussed submissions for Art in Motion. Susan mentioned that the 4-H or school kids might have some art to submit. Cynthia brought Member Evans up to speed on this project. Logo’s for the City, Republic Services and JCT (Josephine Community Transit) are also on the bus along with the art. One of the buses is dedicated to this project.

- **Information Sharing:**
 - **Items from Staff –**
 - Susan talked about the Art Box Project. She, Lora Glover, Jon Bowen and a graphic artist from Logan Design looked at the signs that are being rebranded throughout the city. The electrical boxes are what would/could be painted or wrapped with vinyl. Vinyl wraps are permanent and need to be scraped off to remove. She spoke with Lucas at ODOT about doing vinyl. Michael feels it doesn't meet the 10-year criteria and it is four times the cost than doing paint. Boise does it and they replace them every 3-years. They discussed issues with the IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement). Dennis and Michael will get together to talk about it further.
 - **Items from Committee Members**
 - Chair Dennis and member Charat were reappointed to this committee.
 - Member Evans talked about his background.
 - **Items from Council Liaison**
 - Councilor Lovelace talked a little about Strategic Planning. The Council feels art is very important and they want to keep and promote that.
- **Subcommittee updates**
 - Member Kenny talked about Sculpture of the Month and Mural of the Month. They also thought about Public Art of the Month. Project is on hold due to funding as their grant wasn't accepted. He will talk to Curtis Hayden with the Sneak Preview about advertising for free or low cost. They discussed the City Facebook page and would like to talk to Karen Frerk to post items from this committee. They will add this to a future agenda. They also mentioned the Travel Grants Pass website and they need to get art photos to Jon Bowen.
 - Member Kenny took a bottle of "COPA" wine to Julie Imhof as a token for being on the committee.
- **Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting**
 - Adding art to the City Facebook page.
- **Adjournment**
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: March 12, 2019 at 5:30 pm, Courtyard Conference Room

Minutes prepared by Donna Anderson, City of Grants Pass Administration.