

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ART**  
**Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2023 at 5:30 pm**  
**Ridge Conference Room**

**Committee Members:**

Cal Kenney (Chair)  
Kate Bortells  
Vacant  
Diane Dahlgren (Vice Chair)  
Michael Holzinger – By Teams  
Robyn Forbes  
Sulaiha McDougall  
Deanna Morse  
Rebecca Shane

**City/Staff/Council Liaisons:**

James Conway (Staff Liaison)  
Vanessa Ogier (City Council) - **Absent**

**Guests:**

1. **Roll Call:** Chair Kenney called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. **Introductions:** None
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for January 10, 2023.

**MOTION/VOTE**

**Member Shane moved, and Member Holzinger seconded the motion to approve the minutes from January 10, 2023, as presented. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Kenney, Vice Chair Dahlgren, Member McDougall, Bortells, Holzinger, Forbes, Morse, and Shane. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.**  
**The motion passed.**

**5. Action Items:**

**a. Public Art of the Month:**

- Chair Kenney passed around the February Public Art of the Month section from the Daily Courier. Artist Eliza Bostwick and her utility box art was selected.
- Member Morse suggested that the artist should be notified that they were selected for the Public Art of the Month feature. Chair Kenney mentioned that the deer at the confluence will be next month. He added that we are mixing it up with murals and sculptures.

**b. Vote to recommend to City Council 3 applicants for the open CoPA seats:**

- Chair Kenney asked if anyone knows Judith Basker. No one confirmed. Member Shane mentioned she liked Joan Marie Robertson-Geisler’s application.
- Chair Kenney mentioned he likes Judith’s fundraising experience. The committee agreed that they like all the applicants and would pick all of them if they could. Chair Kenney said that it is important that the next person show up to the meetings.
- Member Holzinger suggested to vote for Robyn Forbes, Cal Kenney, and Judith Basker to be recommend to City Council to fill the three vacant seats. Chair Kenney argued that having gone to college is important and Member Morse agreed but added that it is important to be an artist as well. Member Shane stated that she “vibes” with Joan Marie Robertson-Geisler and her vote (unofficial) goes to her.

- Member McDougall stated that it we received good applications and are awesome. She added that she is thinking about attendance and to vote in someone who will be more active. Member Morse said that both applicants look very strong and is impressed Joan worked on getting WiFi at the elementary school during a previous volunteer project.
- The committee concurred that both applicants are worthy of filling the open seat.

#### **MOTION/VOTE**

**Member Holzinger moved, and Vice Chair McDougall seconded the motion to recommend Robyn Forbes, Cal Kenney, and Judith Basker to City Council to fill the three open seats for CoPA. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Kenney, Vice Chair Dahlgren, Member McDougall, Bortells, Holzinger, Forbes, Morse, and Shane. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.**

#### **c. Discuss the next utility box locations for the Art Box Program:**

- Member Holzinger brought the question up if the committee wants the Utility Boxes to be in or out of the Historic District. He proceeded to list off the box locations in the Historic District.

#### **6. Mattes from Committee Members and Staff**

- Staff Liaison James Conway updated the group about the city’s Strategic Plan and how CoPA’s goals did not make the priority list. He added that Council was in support of public art and that it is encouraged that CoPA goes forward with their goals. Vice Chair McDougall summarized CoPA’s goals for the group to remind the committee. The committee discussed about looking and getting grants to fund this project and future projects.
- Vice Chair Dahlgren voiced her disappointment that City Council did not approve any of their goals. Staff Liaison James Conway helped clarify that the Council only had 30 goals to pick out of 100+ and that their goals are supported by Council but there are many items that are a higher priority, such as homelessness, affordable housing, and public safety.
- Member Morse asked if art maintenance and the art map will be funded. Staff Liaison said yes.
- Member McDougall stated that it is important for the committee to strategize this year and decided how we want this year to look, because we don’t have money available compared to previous years. She added that sub-committees are a great way to make progress and that many of our goals are grant oriented.
- Member McDougall asked the group to make a subcommittee to research and go for grants. Member Shane said she is willing to research the grants.

#### **MOTION/VOTE**

**Member McDougall moved, and Member Holzinger seconded the motion to form a sub-committee to research and seek grants. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Kenney, Vice Chair Dahlgren, Member McDougall, Bortells, Holzinger, Forbes, Morse, and Shane. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.**

#### **d. Public Parking Lot Art**

- a. Member Holzinger said that the Redwood and Bear parking lots will be remodeled, where the Redwood is in the most need.

**7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting**

Review 2023 goals and form another subcommittee.

**8. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

**Next meeting date:** March 14, 2023, at 5:30 pm in the Ridge Conference Room.

*Minutes prepared by James Conway, City Staff Liaison.*