

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

**Committee Members:**

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

**City/Staff/Council Liaisons:**

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

**Guests:**

None

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:** February 8, 2022

**MOTION/VOTE**

**Member Morse moved, and Chair Evans seconded the motion to approve the minutes from February 8, 2022. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Evans, Vice Chair Kenney, Members Holzinger, Lofing-Dean, Crumpton, and Bortells. “NAYS”: None. Absent: Members McDougall and Dahlgren. The motion passed.**

**5. Action Items:**

**a. COPA Budget Discussion and Updates**

- Staff Liaison Sinagra gave a presentation concerning budget updates for COPA as well as updates concerning funding for existing projects. The presentation also included budget updates for the new fiscal year in relation to projects COPA would like to pursue moving forward.
- There was discussion pertaining to Art of the Month led by Vice Chair Kenney. Vice Chair Kenney is working with Debbie Thomas of the Daily Courier and the project is estimated to cost \$1,500 for the year. Staff Liaison Sinagra asked if Art of the Month had received prior approval through City Council as well as funding. Vice Chair Kenney answered that his understanding was that Art of the Month has received prior approval and that financing came from both COPA Restricted funds as well as grants. Staff Liaison Sinagra agreed to confirm if this is indeed the case.
- Staff Liaison Sinagra clarified the current balance of the COPA Restricted funds which is currently \$3,000.
- There was discussion concerning funding for the Utility Boxes. The current balance is \$4,500 for the project. Staff Liaison Sinagra clarified the funding mechanisms for this project, specifically that it is funded by two grants (Josephine County Cultural Coalition and the Fourway Foundation) as well as funding promised by City Council.

- Member Holzinger inquired if a report for the Josephine County Cultural Coalition had been sent. Staff Liaison Sinagra agreed to find out if this item has been completed.
- There was discussion pertaining to Parking Lot Art. Staff Liaison Sinagra clarified that funding for this project is under the Capital Lands and Building Projects. Currently there is \$14,500 allocated for this project and the estimated cost for the Duck Lot is projected to be \$15,000. Staff Liaison Sinagra commented that she had received clarification from the Finance Department that there is \$500 in the COPA Trust account to cover the remaining balance for this project.
- Staff Liaison Sinagra recommended to the committee to wait until the new Fiscal Year and for City Council to approve the budget before beginning the Call for Artists for the Beaver Lot in order to clarify the funding COPA will have for this project.
- Chair Evans clarified that the \$2,000 grant COPA received from Pacific Power for Art Along the Rogue was intended to make the event more kid friendly and interactive.
- Staff Liaison Sinagra gave the committee an update pertaining to the Art Maintenance funding. Historically it has been a Capital Lands and Building Project but is now transitioning to an Operational Cost coming from the Economic Development Budget. There is currently \$10,000 allocated for this project. Chair Evans inquired as to why the funding changed and Staff Liaison Sinagra agreed to look into the matter.
- There was discussion surrounding the Gold Miner statue, the nature of repairs needed, and how to move forward with the repair. Further discussion occurred regarding what Art Maintenance projects need to be tackled and updating the inventory list to guide these objectives.
- Member Morse stated she thought there was \$7,000 in the COPA Restricted funds. Staff Liaison Sinagra confirmed she also had understood there was more funding available in the account and would work to get clarification on this matter.

**b. Art Box Project Updates**

- Staff Liaison Sinagra clarified with Chair Evans the format needed for the final designs to submit to Logan Design for installation of the remaining boxes.
- Vice-Chair Kenney commented that the community's response to the utility box art project has been overwhelmingly positive.

**c. Public Art of the Month**

- Vice Chair Kenney asked Staff Liaison Sinagra to clarify the roadblocks surrounding Art of the Month as well as the process needed for approval; whether or not it needs to go before City Council. Staff Liaison Sinagra agreed to bring the matter to Director Clark and seek clarification on how to move forward with the project.
- Further discussion occurred in the committee pertaining to perceived funding for the COPA Restricted account. Member Holzinger stated he was under the impression there was supposed to be at least \$4,000 in the account.

**d. Beaver Parking Lot**

- Member Morse asked about starting the Call for Artists prior to June. Staff Liaison Sinagra stated that to her understanding June is when the budget for the new Fiscal Year is approved and when funding for the Parking Lot Art would be finalized. City Council Liaison Ogier recommended COPA make a motion to Council for the Beaver Parking Lot to receive approval.

**e. Alley Beautification Project & Discussion for Next Alleyway**

- Chair Evans stated COPA desires the same clarification on process and funding for this project that they are seeking for the Parking Lot Art.

**MOTION/VOTE**

**Chair Evans moved, and Member Morse seconded the motion to propose another Alley for the Alley Beautification Project to City Council. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Evans, Vice Chair Kenney, Members Lofing-Dean, Holzinger, Crumpton, Dahlgren, and Bortells. “NAYS”: None. “ABSTAIN”: None. Absent: Member McDougall.**

**The vote passed.**

**f. Art Along the Rogue Theme**

- Chair Evans suggested the Committee wait on this matter as the Art Along the Rogue Taskforce has not yet been formed but opened up discussion on ideas the committee might have.
- Vice Chair Kenney shared some of his ideas for themes.

**g. Art Map: 10 Potential Art Highlights**

- Member Dahlgren gave an update to the committee. The goal for the Art Map subcommittee is to include as much information in the map as possible and then refine it once the information is consolidated. Member Dahlgren mentioned the subcommittee would like to add the Utility Art Boxes to the map.

**h. Dedicated Discussion on What Went Well with Past Projects**

- Member Morse suggested COPA no longer needed this item on the agenda.

**6. Subcommittee Updates**

- Discussion revolved around the need for an updated and accurate inventory of artists who have done work in Grants Pass.
- Member Dahlgren brought up some of the difficulties and inconsistencies in getting the Art Map linked with GIS. There was also discussion considering what the boundaries of the walking map should be.
- Member Holzinger gave an update on his efforts in regard to getting Art Maintenance done. He has so far been unsuccessful in finding someone to do some of the projects but is continuing to reach out. He has one contact he will reach out to and update the committee at the next meeting.

**Matters from Committee Members and Staff:**

- Council Liaison Ogier asked the committee what their thoughts were in regard to a suggestion from a Council member to sever ties with our Sister City. The Committee unanimously gave their support to maintain the relationship with the Sister City.

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

- a. Further Discussion Concerning Budget and Process with City Manager Aaron Cubic
- b. Art Map and discussion of 10 potential art highlights to be included

**8. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

**Next meeting date:** April 12, 2022, at 5:30 pm in the Ridge Conference Room.

*Minutes prepared by Gabby Sinagra, City Staff Liaison.*