

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ART
Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2023 at 5:30 pm
Ridge Conference Room

Committee Members:

Cal Kenney (Chair)
Vacant
Judy Basker
Diane Dahlgren (Vice Chair)
Michael Holzinger – By Teams
Robyn Forbes - Absent
Sulaiha McDougall
Deanna Morse - By Teams
Rebecca Shane

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

James Conway (Staff Liaison)
Vanessa Ogier (City Council) -By Teams

Guests:

Ward Warren – Chair HBSC
Doug Bradley – Chair Tourism Advisory
Laura Hawkins
Vickie Aldous Ellis

1. **Roll Call:** Chair Kenney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Introductions:** Laura Hawkins (member of the public), Ward Warren (Chair of Historic Buildings and Sites Commission or HBSC, Doug Bradley (Chair of Tourism Advisory Committee or TAC) and Vickie Aldous Ellis (Daily Courier).
3. **Public Comment:**
 - Chair Bradley spoke about the Sustainable Tourism Grant Program that was just rolled out and stated that the CoPA, Tourism Advisory Committee, (TAC), and Historical Buildings and Sites Commission, (HBSC), should work together to get projects done and to promote tourism. He emphasized collaboration between the three committees.
 - Member of the public, Laura Hawkins introduced herself and spoke about interactive murals. She presented the idea of having interactive murals to take selfies. Laura gave examples of having interactive murals in other cities.
 - Ward Warren mentioned that funding can be a challenge and any murals in the Historic District need to be reviewed by the HBSC. He said that the new mural on the side of his building is already generating activity where people are taking selfies.
 - Member Basker talked about getting people to make donations or sponsorships to help fund public art.
 - Member McDougall asked Doug Bradley about pursuing tourism dollars and how they relate to murals. Doug Bradley stated that there are rules on how these dollars are spent and it is mainly meant to be spent on marketing and tourism promotion.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for March 14, 2023.

MOTION/VOTE

Member Shane moved, and Member Holzinger seconded the motion to approve the minutes from March 14, 2023, as presented with a small change of Deanna attended via Teams. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Kenney, Vice Chair Dahlgren, Members Holzinger, Basker, Morse, McDougall, and Shane. “NAYS”: None. Abstain:

None. Absent: Member Forbes.

The motion passed.

5. **Action Items:**
 - a. **Public Art of the Month:**

- Chair Kenney passed around the Public Art of the Month (April). He said that the Fireman Bear was the art piece selected. He liked how it was yellow and stood out. He mentioned that the mural by Ever Galvez on the NAPA building will be May's Public Art of the Month.

b. Discussion: Banners and Sculpture Art Walk

- Ward Warren said that he presented the banners at a City Council Workshop a couple months ago. He continued to share that other cities in Oregon have banners and that he wanted a banner that would “jump out” and be visible to visitors.
- Chair Warren said they are looking at two different size of banners and that they will be mounted to a poll so City Council can go and see them. He continued saying that they will order 100 banners to cover 16 square blocks. He said that the hope is to have them before tourist season.
- Vice Chair Dahlgren asked what the banners are made of. Ward Warren said that they are made from a canvas material.
- Ward Warren asked the committee of their opinion on the banners and the response was positive. Chair Kenney mentioned that he liked the structure of the banner. Ward Warren added that he wanted to appeal to several younger folks not just the senior population (of Grants Pass).

c. Discuss: Using unrestricted public art fund for projects:

- The committee discussed that stipends for artists for Art in Motion and the Utility Art Box program will come out of the unrestricted public art fund. Member McDougall informed the group that there is roughly \$5,000 dollars left. Staff Liaison James Conway suggested to spend it down completely.
- Member Morse suggested that the money could be spent on frisbee golf baskets to make it fun. She talked about rotating art displays and a door project.
- Member Morse continued to bring up potential projects like a shadow mural, brochure, why public art is important, a kiosk with changing art and maps inside, and many more projects.
- Ward Warren mentioned that HBSC would like to see the continuation of the Utility Art Box project in the historic district and offered collaboration between the two committees to keep it going. He said if graffiti is the problem, they will take care of it to see the extension of the program into the historic district.

d. Update: Art Box Project

- Staff Liaison Conway updated the committee that the grant should be awarded in May.

6. Mattes from Committee Members and Staff

- Staff Liaison Conway updated the committee on the Art Map. He said that the map is moving along and hopefully a draft will be ready for the next meeting and the maps get printed before Boatnik. He updated the committee that he has not received any applications for Art in Motion.
- Staff Liaison Conway updated the committee on the Beaver Lot and Beaver Alley. We picked out a location at the Beaver Lot and will wait until the Portland Loo is installed before the artist starts his work. He continued the update on the Beaver Alley and said that another building may be a better location for the mural.

MOTION/VOTE

Member Morse moved, and Member McDougall seconded the motion to consider moving the alley beautification mural to the redwood alley. The vote resulted as

follows: “AYES”: Chair Kenney, Vice Chair Dahlgren, Members Holzinger, Basker, Morse, McDougall, and Shane. **“NAYS”:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Member Forbes. **The motion passed.**

7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting

- Art Walk Tour Map Update/Review Draft
- 3 grants for projects

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next meeting date: May 9, 2023, at 5:30 pm in the Ridge Conference Room.

Minutes prepared by James Conway, City Staff Liaison.