

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ART
Meeting Minutes – August 9, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Ridge Conference Room

Committee Members:

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

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

James Conway (Staff Liaison)
Vanessa Ogier (City Council)

Guests:

1. **Roll Call:** Chair Kenney called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
 - Chair Kenney mentioned that Edith Decker from the Daily Courier, asked Cal if there was a member of CoPA that would like to be on the board of Josephine County Cultural Coalition.
2. **Introductions:** Rebecca Shane – introduced herself and gave a brief background of where she is from.
3. **Public Comment: None**
4. **Approval of Minutes:** July 12, 2022

MOTION/VOTE

Member Holzinger moved, and Member Morse seconded the motion to approve the amended minutes from July 12, 2022, as presented. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Kenney, Members Holzinger, Lofing-Dean, and Morse. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: Member Shane (was not at the July 12, 2022, meeting) None. Absent: Member Bortells, Crumpton, Dahlgren, McDougall. The motion passed.

Action Items:

a. Update on Public Art of the Month:

- Chair Keeney said he attended three City Council meetings and added that Public Art of the Month passed with no discussion and was unanimous. He added that it will start in September and communicated billing to Grants Pass Daily Courier as who to send the invoice to. The Frog will be the Public Art of the Month.
- Chair Keeney thanked Council Member Ogier and said that Council was very nice to give us the money to fund this. He added that it will be featured in the Weekend Edition (first weekend of the month) and it reaches about 10,000 people.

b. Art Walk Discussion:

- There was some confusion about this topic and Member Morse clarified by saying that the Art Walk is part of James Love’s (Terrain Architecture Downtown) plan, and he was hired for ideas for what to do with downtown Grants Pass.
- Chair Kenney asked James Conway, what do you anticipate the Central Businesses District Vitalization (CBDV) Taskforce is asking of us?
- James Conway responded by saying that CBDV Taskforce would like to know CoPA’s idea for the space so they can move forward.

- Member Morse said other cities do this (Art Walk) and thinks that it is a draw for people to come and see a group of sculptures and thinks CoPa would be for it, just don't know how it will be funded.
 - Member Holzinger mentioned that a city in the Midwest has a tour of sculpture that goes around from city to city. The art pieces go from place to place and not organized like a "traveling show."
 - Chair Kenney stated that he does not hear any disagreement on the concept and CoPA is favorable toward the concept of the Art Walk.
- c. Update on Art Map:**
- Chair Kenney gave an update on Member Dahlgren progress and said she asked who did the artwork on the boxes and Member Holzinger responded to her.
 - Member Morse said that Member Dahlgren was close and all the leg work, she has done a tremendous amount of work. Member Holzinger asked if CoPA was going to see a "proof" and Member Morse said yes.
- 5. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:**
- a. Update: Call for artists, art maintenance**
- James Conway updated the committee on the Beaver Lot and Beaver Alley. The city has received one inquiry so far. Member Lofing-Dean asked what the deadline and James responded September 1st.
 - Member Lofing-Dean asked if we sent the call to all the other artists who previously applied to the other lots. James Conway said he can find that list.
 - James Conway updated the committee on art maintenance. The salmon on the pedestrian bridge has been cleaned and waxed.
- b. Update: art boxes, art map funding and Art Along the Rogue**
- James Conway said that all the art pieces have been installed on the utility boxes and they look good. Member Lofing-Dean summarized where each piece's location is. He said he sent in the final report to the Four-way Community Foundation, and they thanked us and loved the pictures he sent.
 - Regarding art map funding, the city will be funding it, there is money in the budget.
 - James Conway updated CoPA regarding Art Along the Rogue that he has all the artists and bands, and everything is going well.
 - Chair Kenny mentioned that we should have a point person (for each project) to keep the dialogue going, and we do well as a committee working together. We can think about this and see if it is worth pursuing (having a lead person on a project).
 - Council Member Ogier said there should be more clarity around budget allocations and asked the City Manger to put together a memo, something that everyone can have and read. She added that she made that request. James Conway said he will follow up.
- 6. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting**
- a. Josephine County Cultural Coalition: members who want to join.
 - b. Walking Map and Art Box additions
 - c. Final update on AATR 2022
- 7. Adjournment**
- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Next meeting date: September 13, 2022, at 5:30 pm in the Ridge Conference Room.
Minutes prepared by James Conway, City Staff Liaison.