

City of St. Helens

Arts & Cultural Commission

Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2018

Members Present: Lisa Brooke, Chair
Kimberly O'Hanlon, Vice Chair
Leticia Juarez-Sisson
Patrick Nickelson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Matt Brown, Finance Director
Jamie Edwards, Secretary

Others: Hope Wirta
Craig Marquardo

1) **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order a 5:59 p.m. by Chair Brooke.

2) **Visitors Address the Commission**

No comments from visitor.

3) **Review Fiscal Report**

3.A Fiscal Report

The commission reviewed the fiscal report.

4) **Discussion Items**

4.A **City Hall Mural Proposal**

Visitor Hope Wirta is offering to donate her time to paint a mural of Mt. St Helens before it erupted on the City Hall Court building. The City would need to provide the cost of supplies and materials. The estimated supplies needed would be 12 gallons of paint and brushes, ladder or scaffolding. Commissioner Nickelson recommended Wirta provide a detail budget and would like to recommend Council to move forward with this project.

4.B **Application Design**

Visitor Craig Marquardo presented an idea of an app for the entire City that would tie in all businesses, City, County and Port organizations, schools, dinning guide, shopping guide, arts & entertainment est. and can link to those entities websites. Marquardo would like to know what type of information would be important to the Commission to be included in an app like this.

4.C ACC Vacant Positions: Status on applicants received, interviews

Chair Brooke reported no new applications have been received. She has talked to a few people who may be interested. Commissioner Sisson reported she hasn't had time to interview prior applicants but should be able to soon.

4.D Recommend New Chair & Vice Chair

Commissioner Sisson reported she would be willing to step in as Chair. Library Director Margaret Jeffries suggested right now the Commission could go back to more of an advisory board and meet less often.

Finance Director Matt Brown advised some of the yearly projects such as the trash can paintings could be partnered with the Recreation Program.

Motion: Commissioner Nickelson moved to appoint Commissioner Sisson as Chair. Vice Chair O'Hanlon seconded. All in favor; none apposed; motion carries.

Motion: Commissioner Sisson moved to re-appoint Vice Chair O'Hanlon as Vice Chair. Commissioner Nickelson seconded. All in favor; none apposed; motion carries.

4.E Maintenance on Public Art

Commissioner Nickelson advised in response to an email received regarding damage to the Salmon Tree sculpture. He drove by and did not see any sign of damage. Commissioner Sisson did not see any damage either.

Chair Brooke reported the painted trash cans from this year have not been put out yet so she will follow up with Parks Field Supervisor Thad Houk.

4.F Little Free Libraries Project

Vice Chair O'Hanlon reported the construction of the first library is completed by the high school. Once it's done fully she will work on the illustration for the public hearing to be placed next to the Columbia County Rider stop in front of Rite Aid. The other two libraries she would like to be placed in the parks.

4.G Trunk or Treat Recap

Chair Brooke reported they ran out of crayons, there was a large turnout. Brooke suggested next year having a more interactive activity.

4.H Arts, Culture & Conversation

Commissioner Sisson advised the public turn out has slowed down but thinks this could be due to the holidays and thinks this event should continue but maybe every other month and suggests having regular location for each meeting. Sisson suggested having Running Dogs Brewery be the location for this event. Chair Brooke reported she thinks going to different locations would be better.

4.I Bike Rack Update

Vice Chair O'Hanlon reported the last bike rack has been installed on the sidewalk in front of the old feed and seed store that is going to be the new food bank.

4.J 2019/2020 Projects and Budget

Commissioner Sisson reported with the new Recreation program several of the Commission events can be partnered with or taken over by them. So far the kindness

rocks project has been taken over by the Recreation Program. Sisson advised other programs the Commission was looking into that could be partnered with or taken over by the Recreation Program could be the chain link art on the fence, cultural through storytelling, campfire story telling. Commissioner Nickelson added suggested paint classes well.

Vice Chair O'Hanlon reported her husband would like to present a potential mural design at the next meeting.

Chair Brooke reported she has been working with local artists to come up with a street art project at McCormick Pak skate park to have a graffiti festival. Brooke is talking to professional artists to find out how much they would charge to host an event like this. Commissioner Nickelson advised has been thinking of a similar art project around painting skate board decks and auctioning them off.

Brooke reported another idea she had was a chalk art festival. Nickelson suggested having the small businesses sponsor this kind of event on the sidewalks in front of their stores. Brooke advised the City of Forest Grove sells blocks of sidewalk for \$10.00 which includes 18 pieces of nice quality chalk and purchased the chalk in bulk.

4.K Christmas Cards

The Commission decided to keep the card design the same just switch the photo to the mural. Vice Chair O'Hanlon will switch the photo and Commissioner Sisson will have them printed and ready to sign by the December meeting.

5) Community News

Library Director Jeffries reported the Columbia Arts Guild is going to have an Embellished Journal Workshop on January 8th and 10th 2019 and reported there is also the Altered Books Art Show in February. The Columbia Arts Guild is hosting Spring Into Arts on May 11, 2019.

Jeffries shared art brochures from the City of Ashland and Hood River and advised would like the City of St. Helens art brochure to be updated in a similar design. Finance Director Matt Brown advised he is working on a City Parks brochure with maps of the parks and said it would easily formatted to include an updated art brochure.

6) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.