

**Estacada Area Arts Commission
Monthly Meeting
April 6, 2016**

Commissioners present: Jane Reid, P Cari Mayers, Barb McCullough, Thea Ellen, and Pete Hamer

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

The treasurers report was approved; approval of the minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

Guests: Dan Neujhar from City Council; Noah and Katinka from Artback; Jean

Dan reported that the City Council is interesting a rotating art display in City Hall; next steps involve talking with Denise or someone at the city; challenges involve securing the artwork while on display. We also discussed the options of purchasing art for City Hall vs having a rotating display.

Noah and Katinka reported that the city now has a land use application for any modifications to buildings. The City Planner (who is contracted by the City of Estacada through Clackamas County) believes that the application needs to be completed for the murals, mainly due to the use of paint colors that are outside of the normal colors used on buildings throughout town. Katinka has written a memo to the city planner outlining why Artback does not believe the application pertains to the murals. Dan suggested that if this doesn't resolve the issue, that they bring it before City Council. Everyone agrees that they want the murals to continue each year.

Old Business

Library Exhibit - Opening of the "Powerhouse Project Revisited" went well. The display will end during the 3rd week of May, when the display will be moved to PGE Headquarters. The next display will be the "Student Art Exhibit", which will open the end of May.

Spring Arts & Culture Series - Writers night went well; there were 3 authors present and approximately 55 people attended.

Summer Celebration - Everything is moving along on schedule, but we're still looking for someone to coordinate logistics.

Community Art Summit - There will be a meeting on this week to plan for the summit. Interviews with community members have been completed and sent to Deb. The Summit will be on May 14th.

Plaques for Downtown art - We will meet at 6:00 for the June meeting, and walk Broadway to determine placement and attachment of signs.

Create Sign - Has now been installed on the front of Spiral Gallery.

New Business

Conversation Programs - Discussed ways to get more involvement. Possibilities include having one at the school so students could attend, then have 1-2 at the library. Jane will talk to the school for input on topics, and possibility of credit for students who attend. Everyone on the commission was asked to visit OregonHumanities.org and pick 5-6 topics they're interested in, and based on that the top 2-3 will be chosen. The application is due by the end of May.

Facebook page - Pete will set up all commissioners who use Facebook as "administrators" of the page so we can add content as needed.

Donation request - The Chamber is putting together a grant application to Travel Oregon to bring in more Tourism. They have requested a donation and/or a Letter of Support from the Arts Commission. Motion was made and seconded to write the requested letter, and once more information is available, to consider a monetary donation.

Community Updates

Estacada Together - Ellen Whyte will perform on 4/17/16. The Portland Symphony percussion group will perform in September.

Schools - Jane is working to get schools more connected with the community, artists, etc.

Estacada Poetry - May organize a poetry reading at the library on 4/24/16

Sandy Library - Poetry Slam on 4/14/16; Day of Action for Transgender Youth 4/30/16

Mini Float - Next meeting is 4/8/16. Supplies are being ordered.

Meeting was adjourned.