

Estacada Area Arts Commission
Monthly Meeting
September 7, 2016

Commissioners Present: Thea Ellen, Pete Hamer, Jean Hiebert Larson, P Cari Mayers, Gloria Feider Polzin, Jane Reid. *Not Present: Barb McCullough.*

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Gloria Polzin. Jean Hiebert Larson took minutes (in Barb's absence).

Jane moved to approve the July minutes; Jean seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved. Gloria will inquire about the whereabouts of the May and June minutes.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Cari will check to ensure the art auction amount is correct. Jane will inquire about misspellings. For the record, Gloria is not in favor of the art auction money going toward the summer celebration rather than into the Arts Commission's account.

Old Business

Library Exhibit—The original opening for the textiles exhibit was September 16; we will try to postpone the opening, since there is not yet publicity. Thea is working this weekend to get hard commitments from all of the artists. (Of the 12 artists, 5 or 6 have given a definite response.) Jane and Cari can help with hanging—most pieces can be hung—and Thea will talk to Michelle about the use of the display case. Jane emailed Janice Packard during the meeting to see if the high school exhibit can remain up until the new exhibit is ready to be installed. Note that the nails should be saved when the art is taken down.

- Publicity for the event will be in the Lucky Dawg, Friends of the Library, and posters in the library. (Posters need to be made.)
- Artists' statements could come later, but should include Title, Artist Name, Media, and Price. (Barb's name came up as someone who might be able to assist with artists' statements.)

Plaques for Downtown—Gloria, Jane, Cari, and Jean did a walkabout prior to the meeting. They discussed the plaques being approximately 5" x 7" and including the Title, Artist Name, Media, and Year, with "City of Estacada" at the bottom. Mimi's fountain is missing pieces—what should be done about that? Cari and Jean will meet in mid-October to research costs and production options for the plaques (NW Technologies was mentioned as a possibility), and to draft a proposal for City Council to purchase them.

Public Art for Council Chambers—All agreed that the art is a nice addition to City Hall and a way to demonstrate civic pride. Pete mentioned the airport collection in Redmond, OR, as a potential model for displaying art that is owned by the City; some pieces are in office spaces and some in the lobby. Security was brought up as a potential concern. Many questions were voiced. (Could a hanging system be set up on the molding in City Hall? How much of an investment would a locking cable system be? Who would pay for the art—the city, or the commission? Does the city have money for art purchases? Do City Council members like the art that is up now?) Gloria will ask Denise about purchasing public art.

Fall Conversation Program—The first date was just confirmed last week: Sept. 20. The overall feeling was that there would not be time to advertise sufficiently. Jane will try to contact the speaker to change the date. Thea will look at other dates for the Flora room.

Navy Bluegrass Band—The concert was a success. It was an older crowd than was anticipated, but about 750 people were present. This band cannot come again for another 5 years, but we could invite a different military band for next year. An end-of-summer celebration might be easier for parents than the first week of school. The venue was a good choice. Jane will draft a Letter of Thanks to the Navy (to send to Bill Dunn. The Letter of Thanks should be on City letterhead. She will also send 3 copies of the article in the paper and an Estacada bumper sticker. Overall cost was \$75 for parking signage, and the city paid for it.

New Business

Art Summit—All materials were sent out to participants. Jean reported that “Beat the Drum for Estacada” became a single event—the First Friday percussion event. It was well attended and lots of fun. The concept of Pop-Up Art is one to keep in mind for the future (and potential future grants). Chalk exhibits or pop-up play exhibits would be fun.

Art on Poles—There are at least 12 poles; they are at least 7’ tall, but no one was sure of the height. Pete will take pictures in Seattle of other examples. There were concerns that if the art were hung too low, it might be prone to vandalism. Pieces could be juried, or student projects, or created by different organizations.

Fall Arts and Culture Series—It is too late to solidify an entire series this year. Moving forward, the commission should try to plan the spring series in Jan/Feb and the fall series in Aug.

Jane is resigning. This is her last meeting. She will be missed (but promises to be present at events and still involved in activities).

Arts Commissioners Retreat—When we have filled the last seat, we should have a Saturday morning retreat (9–12ish), maybe in October or November. Items to discuss:

- Checklist for the art exhibit.
- Checklist for the Arts and Culture Series.
- Schedule of regular commission activities: “The 5 Things We Always Do.”

Community Updates

ArtBack—No report.

Estacada Together—Ellen Whyte will be coming back with the 7th grade. Alexandra Siskowitz will write a performance focused on families with original musical pieces. It will be performed around St. Patrick’s Day.

Schools—The Road to Success project that Am is leading with the alternative high school is funded.

PAGE—The show this year will be *Belles on Their Toes*, directed by Julie Hamer. Dates for the production are set for March 9–12.

Estacada Poetry Project—Nothing to report.

Spiral Gallery—No report.

Sandy Library—Thea sent an email about the Native American collection, but did not receive a response. She will follow up. Ron Longstreet may have a Native American photo collection to share. Boyd, an artist at The Spiral Gallery, has a collection of Peru photos that they would like to display. Nolene Triska's mother has a batch of work (folk art-like) that Nolene would like to display.

Estacada Mini Float 2016—The final meeting is this Friday (Sept. 9). They are hoping the Chamber will take the project next year; their meeting is on Tuesday (Sept. 13).

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.