



**MINUTES**

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

3:30 p.m.

Calapooia Room, City Hall/Hybrid

Approved: 9/10/2024

Call to Order:

Keith Lohse called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members present: Keith Lohse, Nolan Streitberger, Leesa Bright, Maddie MacGregor, Wanda Buck

Members absent: Amanda Dant (excused due to technical difficulties), Carolyn McLeod (excused due to technical difficulties)

Staff present: Kim Lyddane, Parks and Recreation Director

Others present: Rob Robinson, Jennifer Munro, and Rick Schulz

Business from the Public

3:33 – 3:58 p.m.

Rick Schulz, representing a group of local artists known as The Albany Arts Circle (AAC), want to develop a regular outdoor market in Albany. The group has been working with the Albany Downtown Association since May on the idea. The group would like to partner with the City (based on the Lithia Artisans Market in Ashland). Vision is for a seasonal, weekly Saturday market closely aligned with the Farmers Market. Will work to fully conceptualize in the next year but would like to see 50-60 vendors and other activities taking place. The group would want to vet the artists to make use they are local, and their pieces are not mass produced. Lyddane discussed limitation of City partnership and encouraged the formation of a non-profit to manage the market. Staff mentioned that the Waterfront area will be available for rent for these types of activities starting next summer. Commission members offered the ability to share the information with artists currently on file to help spread the word once a format is decided upon. The AAC is coordinating an open studio tour in September.

Approval of June 11, 2024, Minutes

3:58-3:59 p.m.

MOTION: MacGregor moved to approve the minutes. Bright seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

Scheduled Business

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Upcoming Local Art Events-Lohse 3:59 p.m.
- Albany Civic Theater- Little Mermaid (August 23- 31)
  - Mid-Valley Musical Theater- Mama Mia (August 8-17)
  - Albany Open Art Studio Art Sale & Tour (September 7)
  - Downtown Block Party (August 31)
  - Carnival at the Carousel (August 17)
- b. Republic Service Grant Update- Lyddane 4:06 p.m.  
Lyddane discussed conversation with Republic Services regarding the \$1,500 grant received in 2023 to assist in covering a unity mural. With the design change, Republic Service will want to see new concept before approving the funds can be transferred to the updated project. MacGregor proposed possible the Art Across American tile/mosaic program. Will bring back for additional discussion at next meeting.
- c. Fundraising- MacGregor 4:10 p.m.  
MacGregor explained no new opportunities at this time as need a larger, stronger work group to work. MacGregor mentioned the possible fall fundraising with the library and does not feel like the group can accommodate currently.
- d. Follow-up Albany Pride- MacGregor  
MacGregor and Bright shared about tabling experience. MacGregor got the table space for free for the group and collected items to raffle and give away for 6 months leading up to the event. Needed more people to table as it was too much for just the two. Would like to continue in future years and will need to get additional "swag" as it helped to bring people to the tent.
- e. Group Show Policies- Bright 4:22 p.m.  
Bright propped new group show policies and discussed that some redistribution of responsibilities was needed.  
MOTION: Bright moved to approve the new policies. Buck seconded the motion, brief discussion followed. Adjustments recommended (attached). Streitberger motioned to approve with the amendments, Bright and Buck both approved and motion passes 5-0.
- f. City Hall Gallery Functions- Bright 4:32 p.m.  
Bright indicated the issues were resolved in the policy and no additional discussion was needed.

## ACTION ITEMS

- 1) City Hall Gallery Artists- Approval of New Submissions 4:32 p.m.  
For some Commission members, there were issues with the links in the applications. Brief discussion followed regarding the works of Savannah West. "Acid Alice" is not approved due to the portrayal of drug use. West is a trauma informed artist and her submitted poem deals with mature, and possible triggering topics. Commission agreed to show the piece with a black cloth over it so that City Hall visitors may opt into viewing the pieces after the read of the possible trigger warning. This method is used elsewhere, and the Commission deemed appropriate.  
MOTION: Streitberger motioned to approve artists with the two changes. Bright seconded, and it passed 5-0.

Business from the Commission

4:45 p.m.

Bright provided an update on the idea of a December fundraiser at the Gallery reception. MacGregor requested a reimbursement for the snacks purchased for the July/August receptions and requested raffle winners be notified from Pride. Buck introduced herself as the newest Commission member and provided information regarding her graphics design and artistic background. Streitberger asked for meeting policies and cancellations to be added to the next agenda. Lyddane addressed why the July meeting was cancelled last minute due to last minute Commission notifications of absence. Loshe updated the Commission on his presentation to the Rotary Club of Albany about the Arts Commission. Lohse shared that October is National Arts & Humanities Month and would like for commissioners to nominate local artists/organizations to receive an award in front of Council. Nominations should be based on the Arts Commission's charge.

Staff Updates

4:57 p.m.

Lyddane shared the tentative date for the Arts Commission presentation to City Council is Monday, October 21 from 4-5 p.m.

Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Keith Lohse adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Kim Lyddane  
Director

Alocia Doyle,  
Adult Recreation Assistant

\*Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. The documents are available by emailing [cityclerk@albanyoregon.gov](mailto:cityclerk@albanyoregon.gov).