

## Art & Culture Commission via WebEx

### Advisory Board Minutes 08.05.2020

**Present Art & Culture Commission Members:** Nancy Monson, Carrie Gilbert, Lauren Beeney, Beate Scheller, M.J. Steele

**West Linn Staff:** Doug Erickson, West Linn Library Director, Melanie Nelson, Library Operations Supervisor/ Assistant to the Director, Shane Boyle, Information Technology Director, Lauren Breithaupt, Finance Director, Lance Calvert, Public Works Director, City Councilor, Richard Sakelik,

**Absent:** Lori Griffith (*excused*)

Mary Kleffner (*excused*)

Teri Cummings, Council President, Art & Culture Commission Liaison (*excused*)

**Call to Order:** Carrie Gilbert called meeting to order at 1:02 pm

#### **Agenda Review: Edits and additions:**

- Motion to move Willamette Meteorite to first item on agenda: Pauline Beatty, West Linn Citizen, Historic Willamette Main Street
- Motion to add America Walks to agenda

**Minutes Review:** (03.04.2020) motion to approve by M.J. Steele and seconded by Lauren Beeney. Minutes approved 5:0

**Public Comments: Pauline Beatty-Historic Willamette Main Street (HWMS):** Historic Willamette Main Street's mission is to celebrate and preserve the rich history and natural beauty of the area, invest in the heart of our downtown, and create a community where local residents and visitors can dine, shop and connect with others. HWMS has been working with public works during the improvements in the Willamette area. The Willamette Meteorite found in the early 1900's will be placed in a new location, just outside of the Willamette Fire Station (as it was displayed years ago after discovery) a plaque with the meteorite history will also be installed. The HWMS is also working on the banners that will hang from the light posts (two on each post) in the area. They will continue to work with spaces for planters in the area. HWMS also works on grant writing, farmers market and holiday events. The Historical Willamette Main Street will continue to work with Lance Calvert on projects.

- **Lance Calvert:** A question to the Art & Culture Commission: The definition of Art in the City Codes is broad and interpretive. Lance would like to get an agreement for the definition of "art" from both City Council and the Art & Culture Commission for percentage of the arts for future projects such as:
  - Transportation projects
  - Bond funded projects

Carrie Gilbert & Beate Scheller both agree with Lance on his concerns & would like to work closer with Lauren Breithaupt, Finance Director, on an accrual dollar amount. All agreed that a true definition of "art" needs to be established.

- **White Oak Savanna Signage – Councilor Sakelik:** Councilor Sakelik had emailed a sample of signage for the White Oak Savanna Park recognizing the Schwarz’s contributions to the White Oak Savanna Park. Many people contributed to saving the park under the direction and hard work of the Schwarz’s. Councilor Sakelik requested that the Art & Culture Commission review the draft signage and give their recommendations. The following commissioners gave this feedback: Carrie Gilbert & Lauren Beeney feel the sign is a bit wordy, but like the bold & italics. Beate Scheller like the overall design of the sign & agreed there is a lot of information on the sign. Beate prefers the black letters over the white letters. Other materials than bronze? Wood or other metal? Beate also feels that the new sign should be cohesive to the existing sign at the park. M.J. Steele requested another draft/layout for the next Art & Culture Commission to review before making recommendation.

**Carrie Gilbert, Art & Culture Commission Chair:**

- **Vote on the installation of the sign for “The Gathering” art statues at the library.** A West Linn staff will install the signs. When it is safe to host an open house to reveal the signs, the Art & Culture Commission will invite artist and public to event. Carrie Gilbert motioned to install signs and passed 5:0

**Board Comments:**

- M.J. Steele motioned to move the bylaws discussion to the September agenda
- Nancy Monson stated that Art & ***Culture*** Commission should be looking into supporting Black Lives Matter, Native Americans & local tribes of our area & possibly a Book Club of some sort.
- Beate Scheller commented that the Art & Culture Commission should participate in some promotion of the Art & Culture Commission.

**Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, September 2nd**

Meeting adjourned at 2:58pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Melanie Nelson

Library Operation Supervisor/Assistant to the Director

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