

Art & Culture Commission Advisory Board Minutes (draft) via Zoom
Wednesday, October 7, 2020 5:00p.m.

Present: Beate Scheller, Nancy Monson, Lauren Beeney & Carrie Gilbert Art & Culture Commission board members.

West Linn City Staff Present: Doug Erickson, Library Director, Melanie Nelson, Operation Supervisor/Assistant to the Director

Also Present: Jerry Gabrielatos, City Manager & Teri Cummings, City Councilor & liaison to the Art & Culture Commission

Absent: M.J. Steel, (*excused*)

Mary Kleffner (*excused*)

Lorie Griffith (*excused*)

1. Call to Order: Carrie Gilbert, Art & Culture Commission Chair called the meeting to order at 5:04pm
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes: 09.02.2020 motion by Nancy Monson, second by Laura Beeney, approved 4.0
4. Carrie Gilbert, Arts & Culture Commission Chair:
 - **Update City Council Meeting 09.21.2020-** Councilor Teri Cummings- Councilor Cummings updated the Art & Culture Commission that the muni-code has clear criteria that defines what art is. The Council did not vote to change the muni-code as written. City Council agreed with Art & Culture Commission recommendation to use the percentage of the arts for projects in FY 2021 and not to allocate percentage of the arts for projects for FY 2020. Councilor Cummings also updated the Commission that ODOT does not allow art projects on their property. Past discussions within the Art & Culture Commission had mentioned if “circles or round-a-bouts” were included in future projects that possibly adding art to these “circles or round-a-bouts”. Councilor Cummings also reported that a discussion of “scaling” back of transportation projects depending of Federal & State funding.

Update from Art & Culture Commission Bylaws- ACC sub-committee- All Art & Culture Commissioners were sent a copy of the *draft* Bylaws via email prior to meeting & Carrie Gilbert, Art & Culture Commission Chair shared screen to review bylaws. Topics discussed are:

- Definition of process for placing art in the city.
- Art and Culture to work with the city department heads on placement of art depending on the project. Carrie Gilbert, Art & Culture Commission stated the ACC will be “forward” looking for projects.
- Beate Scheller wanted to thank Carrie Gilbert, Nancy Monson & Lauren Beeney for working on the bylaw draft.
- Carrie Gilbert reported that most of the bylaws are drafted from other cities with existing Art & Culture Commissions. A question was asked if the city has an inventory of current art installations in the city. Doug Erickson said he would work with other city Directors to find out if an inventory list exists & would get list to ACC members.

- Beate Scheller also asked if the city has a map of where the city art is located. Doug will also follow up on a possible existence of a map.
- Councilor Cummings reported that in 2015, the City of West Linn had provided a data of artwork located within the city at both the Library and Police Department to the Clackamas County Art Alliance, this may be a good place to start looking for an inventory list.
- Lauren Beeney, Art & Culture Commission member volunteered to consolidate lists when received. Carrie Gilbert, ACC Chair said she would reach out to Clackamas County Art Alliance to see what they have.
- Councilor Cummings indicated that Lorie Griffith, Art & Culture Commission member had expressed an interest in creating a map of local art in West Linn.

2. **Introduction of Jerry Gabrielatos, City Manager-*****Added to Agenda 10.07.2020-** Jerry stated that he enjoys working with Art & Culture Commissions & has worked with similar bodies in Chicago, IL. Jerry shared how in Chicago, he worked with a group of artist that would paint murals where graffiti had been an issue. The murals seemed to detour graffiti. Jerry also shared a few links for the Commissioners to look into. Links sent out via email from Doug Erickson. Lauren Beeney, ACC member mentioned the Portland Open Studios is the next two weekends in October. Carrie Gilbert & Beate Scheller shared that they both have participated in the Portland Open Studios.

3. **Community Outreach Discussion-** the ACC would like to partner with other community groups relating to art projects. Working with groups such as Historical Main Street, Historical Society, Black Lives Matter, Grand Ronde Confederated Tribes & other local community groups. It was agreed that a uniform message to introduce the Art & Culture Commission is created to introduce the ACC to other Community groups in West Linn, Nancy Monson volunteered to create script for introduction. The following members agreed to reach out to:

- Historical Society- Lorie Griffith
- Black Lives Matter- Lauren Beeney
- West Linn High School- Nancy Monson
- Historical Main Street- Beate Scheller
- Grand Ronde Confederated Tribes- Carrie Gilbert

4. **Art & Culture Commission short-term objectives & projects discussion-**

- Willamette Falls Locks project/plan
- Create list of current artists in West Linn & create an artist tour
- Planter decoration for planters on Historic Main Street
- Grant applications- Lauren Beeney noted America Walks grants applications just opened
- Art Festival- future post COVID

5. Board Comments: None

6. Adjourn: Nancy Monson moved to adjourn meeting at 6:42pm. Seconded by Lauren Beeney.

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by:

Melanie Nelson

Library Operation Supervisor/Assistant to the Director

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Upcoming Meetings: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 5pm-7pm