

**Art & Culture Commission Advisory Board Minutes (draft) via Zoom  
Wednesday, February 2, 2022 5:00p.m.**

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**Present:** Lauren Beeney, Art & Culture Commission Chair, Carrie Gilbert, Vice Chair, Andrew Young, Charity Hudnut, Joy Mutare & Susan Zundel Art & Culture Commission board members (ACC).

**West Linn City Staff Present:** Doug Erickson, Director of Library & Community Services, Melanie Nelson, Operation Supervisor/Assistant to the Director, Mary Baumgardner, City Councilor & liaison to the Art & Culture Commission

**Absent:**

Beate Scheller, Art & Culture Commission member- *(excused)*

Jody Carson, Chair of the Design Committee, Willamette Historic Main Street (WHMS) *(excused)*

1. **Call to Order:** Lauren Beeney, Art & Culture Commission Chair called the meeting to order at 5:07pm
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes:** 12.01.2022 Carrie Gilbert moved and Charity Hudnut seconded with no edits or additions passed 6:0

**Introduction of new ACC members:** Charity Hudnut, Joy Mutare & Susan Zundel: All members & staff introduced themselves with a little personal background- details may be viewed on City of West Linn website by clicking YouTube link above.

**Doug Erickson, Library & Community Service Director & Staff Liaison to ACC:** Vintage Flag (1908) Doug is working with Kathy Mollusky, City Recorder to have the flag archived & framed to be placed on display at the library. To preserve & protect the flag it needs to be framed & incased professionally. Due to the size of the flag the shadow box (and process) will be extremely large & expensive. Doug wanted to ask if the Art & Culture Commission had any grant writing in the works currently & if not, he was going to work on writing/collaborating with grant writer to cover the expense to preserve the flag. (approximately \$8,500.00). Carrie Gilbert reported that at this time the Commission isn't currently working on any grants. Joy Mutare suggested that when the flag is ready to be installed that the indigenous people are invited. Doug agreed & said the event will be inclusive & welcome to all. He will report on progress on this project as it moves forward.

**4. Lauren Beeney, Arts & Culture Commission Chair:**

**Old Business:**

- a. **Update on Electronic sign-up sheet:** Lauren Beeney & Carrie Gilbert indicated that there are 3 artists have added to the electronic sign-up sheet on the City website. Fliers were created & available at the Winter Main Street Event in December 2021. All agreed that the goal is to reach as many artists in West Linn. Also to create a database for August show but also future art shows. Charity suggested using Facebook/Instagram to reach local artists. It was also agreed that the art be current-

with in the last 2 years & have a broad theme for the show. Discussions of children, teen & tween art shows in the future.

- b. **Show at the Library:** Lauren, Carrie & Andrew brought Charity, Susan & Joy up to speed on where the Commission is on curating an art show at the library. Doug has reserved the Community Room at the library for the Art & Culture Commission to host a show of artist in August 2022. The Commission in the first few years have been working on foundational items such as by-laws, guidelines, best practices, contracts & mission statement. Carrie Gilbert agreed to bring draft/example of “call for artist”, best practices & will reach out to Clackamas County Art Alliance to March meeting. Cheryl Hill recorded a short video regarding the art in the Community Room at the library, how artists are chosen & general information. To view the short video click here: <https://youtu.be/9JTMbdjVHxU>
- c. **By-laws to Council (TBD?):** Melanie Nelson reported she will follow up Kathy Mollusky to see when the by-laws may be added to City Council’s agenda for approval. Carrie inquired if the ACC would be restricted to a Call to Artist if the by-laws have yet not been approved by Council. Mel indicated that the ACC is working on projects requested by Council & therefore encourage moving forward on project for art show at the library. Mel also asked Council Baumgardner if this was the correct direction & Council Baumgardner agreed.

**New Business: Elect New Chair & Vice Chair:** Lauren Beeney described some of the responsibilities of being Chair & Carrie Gilbert shared responsibilities of Vice Chair (both have held both seats). It was announced if anyone wanted to Chair or if anyone wanted to nominate a person for Chair/Vice Chair. Susan suggested rather than that Chair/Vice Chair could the Commission Co-Chair? Charity stated she would be happy to co-chair with Susan. Lauren Beeney motioned for Co-Chairs Charity Hudnut & Susan Zundel & Carrie Gilbert seconded. All 6 members present agreed to having Co-Chairs In lieu of Chair/Vice Chair. Susan Zundel & Charity Hudnut will Co-Chair the Art & Culture Commission for 2022. Both Lauren & Carrie offered help and guidance as needed.

- 2. **Board Comments:** Lauren Beeney shared that PDX Open Studios has a call for artists. Susan Zundel said the Youth Music Project has a wood sculpture in the lobby created by Skip Anderson from a dead tree that was on the property. It is a combination of all types of music, jazz, country, rock etc. Susan also shared that the Oregon Music Hall of Fame is located at Youth Music Project. Councilor Mary Baumgardner also shared that the Van Gogh Portland is until 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 3. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by:

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**Next Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, March 2nd 5pm-7pm via Zoom**