

Art & Culture Commission Advisory Board Minutes

A hybrid meeting

Wednesday, November 2, 2022 5:00p.m.

Link to video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xzoM3iVj7k>

Present: Charity Hudnut & Susan Zundel, Art & Culture Commission Co-Chairs, Lauren Beeney, Karl Turner & Joy Mutare, Art & Culture Commission members
Also attending: Jody Carson, Chair of the Design Committee, Willamette Historic Main Street

West Linn City Staff Present: Doug Erickson, Director of Library & Community Services,

Absent: Carrie Gilbert, Art & Culture Commission board members (*excused*)
Mary Baumgardner, City Councilor & liaison to the Art & Culture Commission (*excused*)
Melanie Nelson, Operation Supervisor/Assistant to the Director (*excused*)

1. **Call to Order:** Charity Hudnut & Susan Zundel, Art & Culture Commission Co- Chairs called the meeting to order at 5:07pm
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes:** 10.12.2022 Motion to approve minutes with no edits or additions passed 4:0
4. **Charity Hudnut & Susan Zundel, Arts & Culture Commission Co-Chair:**
 - a. **Art Walk- Charity Hudnut:** It was reported by Main Street that a few businesses were interested in the Art Walk idea. Charity reached out to some restaurants to get a gage on who might be interested – ones she thought would be a good fit. Susan likes the idea but wondered if it was the right fit for this commission. Concerned about the effort needed for coordination. Jody mentioned that there would be a need for Volunteers. Also suggested that maybe pairing it with a wine walk might be good. Carl mentioned the possibility of doing it around the old time fair in Willamette Park. Doug said some other venue opportunities maybe available in the future. Mentioned that putting artists and restaurants in touch with each other to create pairing.
 - b. **Discussion of Equipment for Art Displays for Businesses- Susan Zundel:** It was asked if a grant could be issued to help with businesses for art installation, hanging etc.?
 - c. **Youth Art Exhibit- Charity Hudnut:** Was proposed to meet with Wilsonville Art & Culture Commission to talk about a School District wide art show using the two city's libraries as the exhibit halls. Hoping for a joint meeting with the Wilsonville Art & Culture Commission in early 2023.

- d. **Discuss Cultural Events- Charity Hudnut:** Underrepresented communities. Doug brought up various ways to think about an outreach to underrepresented communities in West Linn from the Art & Culture perspective. Maybe working with the West Linn Alliance for Inclusivity. Joy Mutare brought up the idea of a cultural series on various topics like democracy and culture that she has put on at PSU & the possibility one here in West Linn. Jodi Carson also talked about working with the Willamette Heritage Coalition on some cultural exhibits highlighting Indigenous and Tribal History in our area; other underrepresented peoples like the Chinese & their work on the building of the locks & iron works in Lake Oswego. Jodi Carson mentioned some people who have done extensive research on this topic live locally. Talk about how to do these things, using social media & other forms including video.
- e. **Addition: Possible Art project for Public Works- Jodi Carson, Main Street:** Jodi Carson from Main Street would like for the Art & Culture Commission would consider in the future and idea for an Arch at the 10th Street roundabout with art on it.

Board Comments: Lauren Liked narrowing down the focus to see how we could find underrepresented peoples in our community to focus on this as a Commission for outreach. Lauren also brought up an idea about an Art Rocks- rock painting and exhibition in parks similar to the Kindness rocks project that was done a few summers ago as a Library program. Lauren sent a link: <https://www.scarymommy.com/only-one-you-sharon-elementary-painted-rocks-art-project>

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Next meeting, Wednesday, January 4th at 5:00pm. ACC members would like Lauren Breithaupt to attend to discuss percentage for the Arts funds.

Adjourn: adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by:
Doug Erickson, Director of Library & Community Services

Draft minutes created by,
Melanie Nelson

Operation Supervisor & Assistant to the Director