

## Art & Culture Commission Advisory Board Minutes

A hybrid meeting

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 5:00p.m.

Link to video:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/qAiMzf1EAdpNuc5ohaVjaF-H0bvcrNw6sPdakBNRq6LfKG1Ob1p2Vyh1lCxtS2o.uxXQLDsXxq-VEEu5>

**Present:** Charity Hudnut Art & Culture Commission Co-Chair, Lauren Beeney, Karl Turner, Joy Mutare, Julie Matthiessen and Christine Linder Art & Culture Commission members

**Also attending:** Mary Baumgardner, City Councilor President & liaison to the Art & Culture Commission & Lauren Breithaupt, Director of Finance, City of West Linn

**West Linn City Staff Present:** Doug Erickson, Director of Library & Community Services, Melanie Nelson, Library Operation Supervisor/Assistant to the Director

**Absent:** Susan Zundel, Art & Culture Commission Co-Chair (*excused*)

1. **Call to Order:** Charity Hudnut, Art & Culture Commission Co- Chair called the meeting to order at 5:01pm
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes:** 11.02.2023 Motion by Lauren Beeney to approve minutes Karl Turner second motion passed 5:0
4. **Charity Hudnut, Arts & Culture Commission Co-Chair:**
  - a. **Welcome new Art & Culture Commission Members:** Christine Linder and Julie Matthiessen have been appointed by the City Council. Their term will expire in 2026. Both new members expressed their appreciation of Art & Culture & being involved in the West Linn community
  - b. **Guest, Lauren Breithaupt, Director of Finance, City of West Linn:** Lauren was invited by the Art & Culture Commission to discuss the city's Percent for Art Program. Specifically, funding for the program & how the Commission may use those funds. Lauren reported There is \$150,000.00 for the Percent for Art program set aside. \$70,000.00 of the funds are to be used for procurement or installment of art. There is \$35,000.00 set aside for the maintenance, administration of the art & conservation. (please see City Municipal Code 2.200-2.235). Lauren Beeney inquired about the specific guidelines for expenses & does the art have to remain with the capital project or can it be allocated at another location? Lauren referred members to review the outlines in the City of West Linn Municipal Codes for process. Lauren also invited members to email Lauren with any additional questions.

- c. **Updates:** Cultural Events & Outreach; Youth Art Exhibit-invitation to Wilsonville ACC (update from Doug) Charity Hudnut & Susan Zundel: Doug reported that the Wilsonville Art & Culture group will be able to join the West Linn ACC for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The Wilsonville ACC has new members & a new full-time city staff that are getting up & running & felt the soonest to meet with WL ACC would be in May. Doug also reported that Shasta Sasser, Wilsonville Library Director, will also participate in displaying Youth Art in their library & will also be invited to the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Doug also said he would reach out to Andrew Kilstrom from WL/WLVN School District to join the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. This will be a great opportunity to brainstorm with the school district, Wilsonville ACC and West Linn ACC for a potential art exhibit in the Fall of 2023. Doug said as the host, there will be some refreshments at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. McLean House Update: The operations/events at the McLean House have been returned to the City, directed by Ken Warner, Director of Parks & Rec Department. Doug wanted to let the ACC know this is a venue the ACC may use for a smaller event if they so choose. The Library Foundation has agreed to sponsor 3 events "Music at the McLean House" similar to "Music in the Stacks" that the library used to host prior to the pandemic. Doug & Mel are both working with a small group of Parks staff to decide what kind of events are suitable for the Mclean house while the bridge construction continues. It was agreed by the ACC members that the next ACC meeting, Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm will be held at the McLean House at 5350 River Street, West Linn. ACC members should come to the next meeting with ideas/outlines/details about events possibly at the McLean House.
- d. **Painted Rock Art, Lauren Beeney:** Lauren thought a painted rock event with the community might be a good event for the ACC. She applauded the West Linn Library Staff for their organization of their "Take & Make" projects & feels the ACC could use it as a template. Doug & Mel shared that the library would be happy to be a "pick-up" location for the community. Laure said she will work on additional details & report back at March meeting. Here is the link Lauren shared in November:  
<https://www.scarymommy.com/only-one-you-sharon-elementary-painted-rocks-art-project>
- e. **Art & Culture Sponsored workshop with local artist- Charity Hudnut:** Idea to have a local artist host a workshop to "teach" their art skill. The discussion was to have an artist that is familiar teaching art host an event like painting, flower arrangement, water color etc. Additional discussions at the March meeting.
- f. **Strategic Plan per Bylaws- Susan Zundel:** Tabled until March (Susan Zundel *excused absence*)

**Board Comments:** Charity Hudnut shared the West Linn Sustainability Board is hosting an event at the West Linn High School on February 8, 2023.

**Next meeting, Wednesday, March 1st at 5:00pm in the Community Room at the library**

Adjourn: Charity Hudnut adjourned meeting at 6:013 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Melanie Nelson

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