

ALBANY ARTS COMMISSION



MINUTES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 3:30 p.m. Hybrid

Approved: Draft

CALL TO ORDER: Vice chair called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Members present: Leesa Bright, Nolan Streitberger, Maddie MacGregor, Saundra

Alma, Amanda Dant

Members absent: Keith Lohse, Carolyn McLeod

Staff present: Kim Lyddane, Parks and Recreation Director

Others present: Eric Ikenouye, Library Director

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Eric Ikenouye, Library Director, shared how the Albany Public Library incorporates public art in their facilities. Ikenouye shared about their need to inventory their permanent collection, possible changes to the permanent collection, and willingness to have assistance in finding rotating artists. Brief discussion of possible partnership ideas that include an art sale at the fall Friends of the Library book sale with proceeds to fund new public art for City facilities. Brief discussion followed

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 13, 2024, MINUTES

MOTION: MacGregor moved to approve the minutes. Dant seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Upcoming Local Art Events-Lohse
 Dant will email staff and Chair about upcoming events. Brief discussion followed.
- Fundraising at Linn County Flea Market-MacGregor
 MacGregor shared information regarding the event on March 16. The Commission discussed volunteer shifts, items available for donation, and event logistics. Brief discussion followed.
- c. Albany Australia Painting- Streitberger Commission declined to accept the Albany Australia painting as no longer a sister City. The painting will go to the Albany Regional Museum. Brief discussion followed.

d. Budget- Bright

Bright discussed the budget for the upcoming City Hall Gallery Receptions. Thanks to the Linn County Cultural Coalition Grant, \$140 is available for each of the upcoming nine receptions to cover City Hall security, light refreshments, and possible musical entertainment. Brief discussion followed.

e. Gallery- Expenses, May Community Show- Bright
Bright requested the purchase acrylic display cases for City Hall to assist with three
dimensional pieces. Lyddane to purchase requested acrylic bases before the May
Community Show. Brief discussion followed.

f. First Friday- Bright

MacGregor to send information about the 1st Friday receptions to the Albany Downtown Association and Albany Visitors Association for inclusion in their marketing materials. Dant to purchase and coordinate refreshments for the April reception. All commissioners are eligible to display works in the April Commissioners' Show. Lyddane to circulate volunteer sign up sheets at May meeting for Commissioners to sign up for upcoming receptions. Brief discussion followed.

ACTION ITEMS

City Hall Gallery Artists- Approval of New Submissions
 Brief discussion followed. Motion was made and seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE MEMBERS

Streitberger requested further conversation at an upcoming meeting regarding the ease of the online gallery application process. Would like to see an expanded 1,000 word artist statement and improved visibility.

STAFF UPDATES

Staff will produce an 11x17 poster for the upcoming show and 1st Friday reception. Commissioners can pick up posters for distribution on their own.

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 9, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kim Lyddane Director