

Oregon City Arts Commission

July 21, 2022

7:00 PM

Minutes

In Attendance:

Arts Commissioners

Trieste Andrews (Chair)

Emma Lugo

Jenn Woodward

Karen Buerhig

Tammy Jo Wilson

Oregon City Staff

Daniel Gering, Tourism Program Specialist

*Participants attended online via Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 7:04PM by Commissioner Andrews.

Roll Call

Approval Minutes for June 16 and July 7

Public Comment - None

Discussion Items:

1. Website Content

Staff will be sending out a request for information that they would like to include as part of their profile.

2. Proposed Public Art Project

Commissioner Andrews presented the proposed public arts project prepared by Commissioner Andrus (see meeting packet for presentation). Two proposals were presented.

“Plan A” proposal focused on 15 sculptures, a sponsorship program for funding, and part time project coordinator to manage the project, with an estimated cost to the Arts Commission of \$20,000 and funds raised for the Arts Commission of \$21,645 if all pieces were sponsored.

“Plan B” would be a general call to artists for 15 various sculptures for 3-5 local artists, sponsors, and project coordinator.

One idea was that the Arts Commissioners could participate in work groups that would focus many facets of the project, such as sponsorships, event and presentation, artist, and logistics.

The Arts Commissioners discussed the complexity of the project and the needs for both Arts Commission members and/or a part time project manager. Some concerns mentioned were

about how much the Arts Commissioners could take on the responsibilities, environmental concerns related to fiberglass, scaled to an Oregon City scope.

3. Development of Guidelines for Grant Programs

Staff reviewed the staff report and the recommendation. Discussion on how the funds could be distributed in a grant program(s). Commissioners discussed the need to do some community “needs” research, as being an important first step for the Arts Commission.

Commissioner Wilson mentioned that some cities nearby also use their funds to hire an Arts staff person to help coordinate art related projects in the city. Staff was requested to prepare a staff report related to funding “buckets” options. In assessing the programs, a survey may could be sent out through the City water bill. Staff will provide information related the costs and timing on how to include a survey.

4. Arts Commission Program Funding

Topic was mostly covered in the previous discussion, so the staff reports will cover much of what would be needed to finish this discussion at the next meeting.

Communications:

Arts Commissioner Updates

Adjournment at 9:05PM