

Oregon City Arts Commission

June 16, 2022

7:00 PM

Minutes

In Attendance:

Arts Commissioners

Trieste Andrews (Chair)

Karen Buerhig

Selena Jones*

Josh Planton

Jenn Woodward

Mary Andrus

Tima Carlson (Vice Chair)

Emma Lugo*

Tammy Jo Wilson

Oregon City Staff

James Graham, Economic Development Manager

Daniel Gering, Tourism Program Specialist

Carrie Richter, City Council

Guest(s)

Melissa Tierney, Oregon City Parks and Recreation

Denyse McGriff

John Lewis, Oregon City Public Works

*Participants attended online via Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 7:02PM by Commissioner Andrews.

Roll Call

Adoption of the Agenda

Adoption of the Minutes

Public Comment - None

Presentations

Oregon City Parks and Recreation Program Overview presentation of the Oregon City Parks and Recreation programs related to the arts. Oregon City Parks & Recreation has just entered a master planning process over the next year.

The Oregon City Parks & Recreation facilities are made up of the Pioneer Senior Center, Public Pools, Ermatinger House and Parks. Just added 3 new parks in the last 13 months.

Current programs that Oregon City Parks & Recreation runs:

Preserve our Past & Poetry Contest: 3rd year for this program. Partners with the Three Rivers Artist Guild to assist in the program judging.

Concerts and Movies in the Park

Community Events

Seasonal Youth Camps: Not specifically arts camps, but that is something Oregon City Parks & Recreation looking into expand.

Oregon City Parks & Recreation can work with the Arts Commission to work together on preserving community spaces, such as graffiti abatement through creating Street Art, with art to tell community stories, and preserving nature by transforming fallen wood into art forms.

Discussion Items

Program Development Recommendations Staff presented several ideas for potential program ideas for the Arts Commission to pursue. Commissioners discussed the ideas mentioned in the staff report, primarily on the idea of art therapy, public art programs, and grants.

As these programs were discussed, the idea of having a work session to further detail out what the Arts Commission could do with the budget funds and what programs could be created surfaced. Staff were requested to identify a date that would fall before the next Arts Commission meeting to have the works session. Consensus vote was made to move this topic to a future work session.

Percent for Arts Ordinance Staff presented the findings on Commissioner Andrews request for more information on the status of the Precent for Arts Ordinance. Key focus on the terms that this should not be pursued “at this time”.

Commissioner Andrews felt that this topic important element to add to the Oregon City future projects, but should be addressed in the near future, and not delayed beyond that. Commissioner Buerhig voiced her opinion that this was something that could be delayed but add it to the growing list of potential projects. Commissioner Lugo advocated that the Arts Commission pursue the program as an important legacy. C Planton suggested to look at the variety of options for influencing arts in other City programs and projects. Commissioner Wilson agreed to the importance of the ordinance, but timing is important to get the community trust and develop programming that impacts the community. (At this time in the discussion Commissioner Buerhig had to step out of the meeting). The suggestion was made to add this topic to a future City Commission agenda.

A motion was made to request that this topic be added to a future work session by Commissioner Wilson. Commissioner Planton seconded. 8 Aye, 0 Nay.

Future Event Participation Commissioner Andrus and Commissioner Andrews are working on an interactive arts project from the Arch Bridge Celebration.

Commissioner Wilson moved to make Commissioner Andrus and Commissioner Andrews the official representative of the Arts Commission at that event. Commissioner Jones seconded. 8 Aye, 0 Nay.

Commissioner Carlson mentioned that the First City Celebration is coming up. Commissioner Andrews and City Attorney Carrie Richter both confirmed that there are no restrictions on attending functions, just as long as the commissioners represent themselves as citizens and not the Arts Commission (unless designated by the Arts Commission), and not discuss Oregon City Arts Commission business with other Arts Commissioners.

Marketing the Arts Commission Topic will be moved to the next meeting.

Adjournment at 9:00PM