

Oregon City Arts Commission

January 19, 2023

Attendance

- Trieste Andrews
- Karen Buerhing
- Tima Carlson (Vice Chair)*
- Quire Hugon
- Selena Jones
- Emma Lugo
- Tammy Jo Wilson (Chair)
- Jen Woodward

Staff Present

- Ann Griffin - Economic Development Coordinator

*indicates attendance via Zoom.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02.

Unanimous adoption of agenda by all present.

Roll Call

The Commissioners listed above were present.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion Items:

1. New 2023 Chair and Vice Chair Selection

- a. Tammy Jo Wilson accepts as Chair. Tima Carlson accepts as Vice Chair.

2. General Discussion of Arts Commission Grants

- a. Suggestion: organized report for tracking progress, money spent
- b. Question of public disbursement requirements

3. Event Grants

a. *Ideas discussed included:*

- i. Co-sponsoring with Main Stage: a cultural music and dance program confederated tribes; First City Celebration multicultural food court; collaborating with Historical Society for diverse history presentation, also for First City Celebration. Total suggested budget: \$10,000
 1. Discussion on distinguishing between “grants” and “events”
 2. Potential goal: Spend the \$40,000 by June 30th.

- ii. Using funds to support opening studio space in downtown for local artists to utilize for free; same space could be used for public arts performances monthly. Parks and Rec as a potential support for this; curator grants
 - 1. Operation and sustainability concerns, feasibility study, accessibility.
- iii. Community Arts project
 - 1. Building arts and culture in the community first as a way to demonstrate interest for future feasibility studies.

b. Next steps discussed included:

- i. Workshop/special meeting to discuss the Arts Commission Grant program and the application.
- ii. Special meeting date selected: 6:30-9pm on February 2nd

4. Replacement Art for Center and 7th

- a. Goal: to achieve similar essence of previous sculpture, capture “heart” of neighborhood (“welcoming place to live, work and play”)
- b. Need budget, size, and any specification information from city and neighborhood association.

NOTE: The City received approximately \$7,000 in insurance to use to replace the statue. The replacement does not necessarily need to look like the previous piece. The McLoughlin Neighborhood Assoc. suggested something that supports the idea of the McLoughlin area as a welcoming place in the heart of Oregon City.

5. Other

- a. Commissioner Andrews asked if the Arts Commission would be interested in selected a photographer to support promotional materials for the City. Group decided that a different organization in the City should create those materials (not an Arts Commission budget item at this time).

Adjournment at 8:30pm.