

CITY OF ASHLAND

PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION - REGULAR MEETING October 15, 2021 AGENDA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
8:30 a.m. via zoom
- II. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Public Arts Commission regular meeting of September 17, 2021
- IV. **PUBLIC FORUM**
- V. **LIAISON REPORTS**
 - Council Liaison – Stephen Jensen
 - Community Development Liaison – Aaron Anderson
 - APRC Liaison – Jim Lewis
- VI. **OTHER BUSINESS**
Say Their Names Coalition
- VII. **PAC WORKPLAN**
 - a. Hub Artwork
 1. Status of sculpture
 2. Plaque
 - b. AHS Mural
- VIII. **PROJECT UPDATES**
 - a. Masterworks Plaques
- IX. **GOALS AND ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Promoting Art in Ashland and Connecting with Community
 1. Power of Public Art – Service Club Presentations
 2. Public Art Platform – Creation/improvement
 3. Connecting with community
- X. **ADJOURNMENT**
Next Meeting: November 19, 2021
- XI. **ATTACHMENTS**
Minutes from September 17, 2021 meeting

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PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - *Draft* September 17, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jennifer Longshore called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. via Zoom.

Commissioners Present:

Ken Engelund
Jennifer Longshore
Cassie Preskenis
Stanley Smith
Destiny Young

Absent Members:

Laura Bloom
Joel Frank

Staff Present:

Aaron Anderson, Associate Planner

APRC Liaison:

Jim Lewis, absent

Council Liaison:

Stephen Jensen

Members of the Public:

Peter Finkle
Sandy Friend

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Preskenis added an agenda item regarding an event happening at the Ashland High School Sunday September 19, 2021 under **PAC WORKPLAN b**. She added another item regarding an idea she and Peter Finkle had an idea on bringing the public into art under **GOALS AND ACTION ITEMS**.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Public Arts Commission regular meeting of August 20, 2021

Chair Longshore made a correction to page 2, **VII. PACK WORKPLAN a**. Hub Artwork, second sentence, changing "fine" to "find".

Commissioner Preskenis/Smith m/s to approve the minutes as corrected. Vote: ALL AYES. Motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Peter Finkle/Ashland/Announced Shane Abrams' public painting day at Ashland High School for the weekend of September 18th was postponed to the September 25, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sandy Friend/Ashland/Attended to hear updates to the MAP project.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

- Recruitment Update – welcome new members!

Commissioners new to the Public Arts Commission were welcomed and introduced.

- Council Liaison – Stephen Jensen

Councilor Jensen gave an update on council business.

- Community Development Liaison – Aaron Anderson

Mr. Anderson had no additional updates for the Commission.

- APCR Liaison – Jim Lewis (absent)

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Say Their Names Coalition

Chair Longshore offered to speak to their selection panel when it was formed. They were still working on the process and the proposals. Commissioner Preskenis added they were coordinating with the Parks and Recreation Department on potential locations.

VII. PAC WORKPLAN

a. Hub Artwork

Jennifer Corio was in contact with her structural engineer and continuing to work on the Chinese characters.

The Commission went on to review photos of the plaque used for “Threshold”. Chair Longshore wanted the plaque installed the same time as the statue. Mr. Anderson would get a quote for plaques like the one used for “Threshold.” Commissioner Jensen explained the Commission could request additional funds from other areas in the budget if needed.

b. AHS Mural

The public painting project for the weekend of September 18th was postponed to September 25, 2021 due to weather. The was project was progressing with the expectation to reveal the mural in November.

VIII. PROJECT UPDATES

a. Masterworks Plaques

Shipping was an estimated 2-4 weeks from now.

Councilor Jenson and the Commission discussed protocol for responding to emailed requests for artist recommendations and mural regulation. The Commission went on to discuss unregulated public art that extended to fences and ways to formally recognize some as art. Commissioner Smith commented on the line between graffiti and art.

IX. GOALS AND ACTION ITEMS

a. Power of Public Art – Service Club Presentations

Chair Longshore’s first presentation was postponed. She would speak to OLLI October 17, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

b. Promoting Art in Ashland and Connecting with Community

Commissioner Preskenis spoke to restarting the utility box project that Peter Finkle had proposed. She also suggested adding a non-officio member from Ashland High School.

The Commission discussed promoting public art through social media. Mr. Anderson would investigate what social media platforms the City authorized.

c. Public Art List – (creation of a new platform or improvement on current)

Commissioner Smith and Bloom met with Peter Finkle about creating a new platform called Public Art Archive. It would be in addition to the online story map. Mr. Anderson would research city policy on allowing links to the city website. Commissioner Smith would investigate the cost for the service.

d. Create a New Strategic Plan – Establish goals and objectives for moving forward

Chair Longshore asked what the Commission wanted to pursue regarding the strategic plan and what to do with the current plan. Commissioner Engelund thought there should be a strategic plan and the Commission should review the existing plan. He noted the second phase of the MAP project should move forward. Commissioner Smith

supported starting a new plan but agreed with Commissioner Engelund that the MAP project should move forward. The Commission discussed dedicating a study session for strategic planning.

Commissioner Young explained community engagement was important but did not have a clear idea of what that looked like. Commissioner Preskenis reinforced community engagement.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Next Meeting: October 15, 2021