

# CITY OF ASHLAND

## PUBLIC ART COMMISSION - REGULAR MEETING September 17, 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 August 20, 2021
- IV. **PUBLIC FORUM**
- V. **LIAISON REPORTS**
  - Council Liaison – Stephen Jensen
  - Community Development Liaison – Aaron Anderson
  - APRC Liaison – Jim Lewis
  - Recruitment Update – welcome new members!
- VI. **OTHER BUSINESS**  
Say Their Names Coalition
- VII. **PAC WORKPLAN**
  - a. Hub Artwork
  - b. AHS Mural
- VIII. **PROJECT UPDATES**
  - a. Masterworks Plaques
- IX. **GOALS AND ACTION ITEMS**
  - a. Create a New Strategic Plan – Establish goals and objectives for moving forward
  - b. Power of Public Art – Service Club Presentations
  - c. Promoting Art in Ashland and Connecting with Community
  - d. Public Art List – (creation of a new platform or improvement on current)
- X. **ADJOURNMENT**  
**Next Meeting:** October 15, 2021
- XI. **ATTACHMENTS**  
Minutes from August 20, 2021 meeting

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## PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - *Draft* August 20, 2021

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jennifer Longshore called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m. via Zoom.

#### Commissioners Present:

Laura Bloom  
Jennifer Longshore  
Cassie Preskenis  
Stanley Smith

#### Staff Present:

Aaron Anderson, Associate Planner

#### APRC Liaison:

Jim Lewis, absent

#### Absent Members:

Destiny Young

#### Council Liaison:

Stephen Jensen, absent

#### Members of the Public:

Kendall Engelund  
Peter Finkle  
Sandy Friend

### II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Public Arts Commission regular meeting of July 16, 2021

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

### IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Peter Finkle/Ashland/Explained the Southern Oregon Historical magazine asked him to write an article about public art in southern Oregon. He shared an email exchange with the chair of the Medford Arts Commission.

Sandy Friend/Ashland/Was interested in updates on the HUB sculpture and the medallions.

### V. LIAISON REPORTS

- Council Liaison – Stephen Jensen - None
- Community Development Liaison – Aaron Anderson

See Hub Artwork and AHS Mural under PAC WORKPLAN and Masterworks Plaques under PROJECT UPDATES.

- APRC Liaison – Jim Lewis - None
- Recruitment Update

### VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Say Their Names Coalition

Chair Longshore provided an update. The Say Their Names Coalition was working with Parks and Recreation on a location. Once the location was determined, they would form the selection panel. The Coalition was interested in having a Public Arts Commissioner meet with them prior to the selection panel moving forward. Commissioner Smith asked if they were not going to use Railroad Park for the location. Chair Longshore explained they were working with

Parks and Recreation to determine a site. Commissioner Preskenis thought the artists were designing pieces for certain areas.

## **VII. PAC WORKPLAN**

### **a. Hub Artwork**

Staff liaison Aaron Anderson explained the artist received her first payment. Chair Longshore added they were having trouble hiring an engineer due to the pandemic but were able to find someone. They continued to work with Chinese language contacts to finalize the layout of the Chinese Characters on the spike. Once details were finalized, it would come to the Commission for final approval.

### **b. AHS Mural**

Mr. Anderson explained the Ashland High School mural proposal was approved by the City Council. Next steps included the property owner signing an agreement, paying a deposit and the principal signing a letter that Mr. Anderson was expecting in two weeks or less.

## **VIII. PROJECT UPDATES**

### **a. Masterworks Plaques**

Mr. Anderson talked to Jennifer Andrews the week before and read from an email she sent regarding the castings. They were estimating shipping in six to eight weeks. Mr. Anderson would work with the Public Works Department regarding installation.

## **IX. GOALS AND ACTION ITEMS**

### **a. Power of Public Art – Service Club Presentations – Jennifer**

Chair Longshore reached out to several local clubs and booked presentations with three organizations. Mr. Anderson would provide a contact for the Ashland Library. Chair Longshore would do the presentations. Commissioner Smith provided additional contacts.

### **b. Promoting Art in Ashland and Connecting with Community – Status update**

Commissioner Preskenis was ready to guide First Friday art tours, however, the recent surge of the Delta Variant was preventing the tours from happening.

### **c. Public Art List – (creation of a new platform) – Status update**

Commissioner Bloom explained the project had not moved forward very much. Mr. Anderson further explained some obstacles inhibiting the project's progress as well.

The Commission and staff discussed Phase 2 of the Hub art project. They went on to discuss the Ashland High School mural. Mr. Anderson explained there would be an inspection when the site for prepped for painting. Commissioner Smith suggested the project team do a time-lapse of the painting. Mr. Anderson would contact Chair Longshore once the paperwork was signed. Chair Longshore was interested in stopping by during the process. Mr. Anderson commented any members of the Commission could stop by the project providing they did not form a quorum.

Chair Longshore explained agendas and minutes for the Public Arts Commission were stored on the City's website.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** September 17, 2021

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