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## **REDMOND COMMISSION FOR ART IN PUBLIC PLACES**

### **Minutes**

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

City Hall Conference Room A, 716 SW Evergreen Avenue, Redmond, Oregon

**RCAPP Present:** Chair Linda Gilmore Hill, Gillian Burton, Laura Cheshire, Deborah Cook, Katie Harris, Solomon Kaleialoha, Ethan Stelzer, Gordon Wiseman (absent: *Cameron Kaseberg*)

**City Staff:** Heather Richards, *Community Development Director*; Jackie Abslag, *CDD Administrative Assistant*; Tammy Rohach, *Redmond Airport*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

**Visitors:** Keith Witcosky, *City Manager*; Leslie Pugmire Hole, *Redmond Spokesman*

*(scribe CP's note: The minutes were created from an audio recording and notes taken at the meeting. The three digits after the motion title show the number of Commissioners voting in favor/against/abstaining.)*

### **CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Hill called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. with a quorum present.

Ms. Richards introduced new City Manager Keith Witcosky and announced that a reception to welcome him would be held at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers on July 16, 2013.

Mr. Witcosky summarized his employment background and said his door was always open.

### **DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Yew Avenue Roundabout Update**

Commissioner Stelzer reported that Ryan Beard is on board as the artist-in-residence. Lance Hill, *Redmond High School (RHS)*, indicated that the goal of installing an art piece by the end of 2013 is realistic. *Redmond Proficiency Academy (RPA)* students will come up with a concept and go through the approval process. RHS will work with RPA students to fabricate the sculpture.

Ms. Richards said the City will communicate with RHS and Ridgeview High School that Commissioner Stelzer and RPA will be leading this project. She recommended giving all Redmond high school art students an opportunity to participate in this project. The artist-in-residency grant needs to be completed by December 31, 2013.

RCAPP discussion covered *theme, design suggestions from students, and having the students make a presentation on this project to City Council*. Commissioner Stelzer and Harris agreed to serve on a subcommittee with City staff and Mr. Hill to make sure this project stays on track.

**Motion 1 (8/0/0):** Commissioner Cook moved that Commissioner Stelzer make a 360-degree connection to community partners near the Yew Avenue roundabout. Commissioner Burton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Rockchuck Project

Commissioner Cook reported frustration in trying to get Phil Chavez to provide an estimate of the cost to manufacture rockchuck units. She has been communicating with Phil and Kim's daughter, Andrea, because they're traveling. The Chavezes need to know when the rockchucks are needed so they can coordinate this with their schedule.

Ms. Richards said she would try to get Kim Chavez to donate rockchuck forms for the City's fund-raising efforts on the Sam Johnson Park improvement project.

Commissioners discussed the *project timeline* and agreed **by consensus** to the following schedule: December 2013/January 2014 – start recruiting artists, March 1, 2014 – get rockchuck units to artists for painting, and April 1, 2014 – announce event to the community.

Ms. Abslag said she would e-mail Andrea Chavez to request cost estimates on 20, 40, and 60 units and report the results at the next RCAPP meeting.

C. Passport to the Arts

1. **Music:** Commissioner Harris said she has performance commitments from Bella Via, Katie & Una, and Eric Staples. Everyone else has declined due to prior commitments. She is waiting to hear from a bluegrass band. Lindy Gravelle has agreed to provide a sound system. Commissioner Wiseman said the *Drifters Car Club* has a DJ. He suggested Commissioner Harris speak with Jim Larson regarding music coordination. Ms. Abslag said she would get contact data for the Farmers Market musicians.
2. **RCAPP Booth:** Following discussion, Chair Hill and Commissioner Burton agreed to staff the booth on July 23, 3-6 p.m., and Commissioner Kaleialoha to staff it on July 17.
4. **Ribbon-Cutting:** Ms. Richards said many details remain to be determined. Incoming statutes (including "People's Choice") should be installed on August 15 and covered until the ribbon-cutting. Ms. Abslag said Jesse Swickard wants to install his two pieces on Saturday morning so he can attend the event. Ms. Richards suggested inviting him to install his pieces on August 16, a day early, when City staff will be available.
5. **Vendors:** Commissioner Burton said she will be recruiting galleries instead of individuals and talking to vendors at other summer events (Dynacore, Farmers Market, Deschutes County Fair). Ms. Abslag said she had commitments from three vendors (Jeff Freeman, Jennifer Callahan, Kylie Winchester) at \$45 per booth + 20% commission to the City on all sales. Commissioner Cheshire asked if students from *Redmond Proficiency Academy* want to sell any of their art at the August 17 event. Following discussion, Commissioners agreed **by consensus** that RCAPP would not sponsor a booth for the students, but that any RCAPP member could make an individual donation.
6. **Volunteers:** Chair Hill said fewer volunteers are needed than for the 2012 event. Ms. Abslag said she would e-mail a request for volunteers to the City's contact list.
3. **Art Project:** Chair Hill said more handprints with children's names (or ages) next to them are needed for the park benches and playground equipment at Sam Johnson Park. She suggested adding footprints to this inventory. Commissioner Stelzer said he would check the supply inventory. Discussion ensued on *whose handprints (or footprints) should be collected* and the *need for an assembly-line process*.
7. **Marketing:** Commissioners discussed *how to highlight (publicize) the "People's Choice" statue, if the tile inventory from last year's event was sufficient for this year's sales, joint*

*advertising, writing short pieces/articles for Central Oregon media outlets, word of mouth, and putting up posters.* Ms. Abslag said she would contact Vice-Chair Kaseberg regarding help with poster design and production.

D. Other Discussion

Chair Hill commended Commissioner Stelzer and his students for the quality of their work on the Highland Tunnel art project.

Commissioner Stelzer thanked *Leadership Redmond* members for their support on this project.

Ms. Abslag reported a good response so far to the People's Choice Award ballots. All ballots must be returned on/before July 19, 2013.

Commissioner Burton noted that the ballot and award are receiving good publicity from *The Bulletin* and that word is spreading outside Central Oregon.

**LIAISON COMMENTS** (None)

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ms. Pugmire Hole suggested that RCAPP install an "Art Talk" marker at the "Thoughts of Flight" sculpture at the Eastern "Y" to inform visitors about the artist and his inspiration for this sculpture.

Commissioner suggestions included adding "The Hub" logo and the City's website address to an "Art Talk" marker, and providing a fuller explanation of the facts of this artwork on the website.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Ms. Rohach announced that the current art show which has a Smith Rock theme will be up until August 18, 2013. Good comments have been received on the 24 pieces displayed but no sales yet. No action has taken place on the airplane exhibit. The Airport is interested in installing an Art Around the Clock pedestal inside the terminal at the main entrance in the next cycle. Commissioners discussed *display logistics, nonsculpture art opportunities, and "People's Choice" eligibility.*

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Chair Hill reported that Jennifer Lake, artist, has offered to donate a painting and the City will pay a 10% commission on each print sold. She will meet with Ms. Lake on July 18 to finalize the details. Commissioner discussion covered *painting content and marketing opportunities* (adding "The Hub" logo to the painting).

**ADJOURN**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 4:30 p.m.

With no further business, Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Commission for Art In Public Places and SIGNED by me this 20th day of August, 2013.

ATTEST:

    /s/ Linda Gilmore Hill      
Linda Gilmore Hill  
Chair

    /s/ Heather Richards      
Heather Richards  
Community Development Director