

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, 5:00 P.M.

City Hall Council Chambers

115 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

The Public Art Commission met Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, at 5:00 P.M.

**Members Present:** Shirley Battin, Cheryl Bunton, Micheal Glenn, Julie Kennelly, and Randee Mennenga.

**Present via Zoom:** Chloe Metz.

**Absent:** Joy Meyer.

**Also Present:** City Manager Darin DeHaan and City Clerk Cheryl Hilton.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Julie Kennelly moved to Approve a Mural Grant for the Oregon Park District with consideration of suggested recommendations, Seconded by Randee Mennenga.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the Oregon Park District has applied for a mural grant. The mural will be located at the Park West tennis courts and be in honor of Bill Hinkle. Artist Chloe Metz has been commissioned to complete the project. The dimensions of the mural will be eight by sixteen feet. Micheal Glenn asked which direction the mural would be facing. Chloe Metz said the mural will be facing North and will be in the sun. She also stated she uses the highest quality of plywood and exterior paint available. The committee discussed the contrast between the background and the silhouettes. They agreed that if there was more contrast the figures of the silhouettes would stand out better. They also discussed the clarity of the third silhouette. Shirley Battin suggested the possibility of leaving the silhouette out since it was hard to see. Chloe stated that any edits made to the mural would be at cost to the Oregon Park District. She also provided a photo of the initial artwork presented to the Oregon Park District. Randee Mennenga stated the photo showed much better contrast in colors and provided clarity. She said the overall design was great.

Motion carried. No Nays.

City Manager Darin DeHaan said the Oregon Together group is going to dissolve. This may be a good opportunity for the Public Art Commission to draw in more members and become more involved in beautification projects within the community. Micheal Glenn asked for an update on the first round of approved murals. City Manager Darin DeHaan said the Chamber mural has been completed, as well as the mural at Merlin's. The mural that was approved for the Village Bakery is still in the works. He also said if a mural grant for the Oregon Park District is approved by the City Council, there will still be funds for one more grant.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Submitted by Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk