

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 23rd, 2025, 5:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Public Art Commission met Wednesday April 23rd, 2025, at 5:00 P.M.

Present: Kate Bunton, Micheal Glenn, Julie Kennelly, Randy Mennenga, Chloe Metz, and Joy Meyer.
Also Present: City Manager Darin DeHaan.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Mural Grant: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the city set aside ARPA funds and created a public art grant for murals. So far three murals have been completed. He said this committee is an advisory group to the City Council and looks at overall design and qualifications of the artist. He stated the city has worked hard to help upscale the 5th street parking lot. A lot of good projects have happened in that area. The committee discussed the overall design of the mural, the background color, the line drawings in the background, and the multiple murals in town with the word Oregon on them. Chloe said the line drawings are activities that can be done in Oregon. They recommended changing the wording to Life is Better In Oregon, shading around the word Oregon, and trying to add movement to the water.

Randee Mennenga moved to Approve a Mural Grant for Rebecca Hazzard – 108 N 4th Street – back of the Toasty Noodle location with suggested changes, Seconded by Julie Kennelly.

Motion carried. No Nays.

City Welcome Signs: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the welcome signs to Oregon need to be replaced. They are at all four entry points to the city. He shared examples from other communities. He said he is open to anything and would like the committees input. The plan is to replace one sign per year over the next four years if the budget allows. The committee discussed different ideas such as landscaping and incorporating the city flower into the signs. They also discussed different structural materials, lighting, and more sustainable landscaping. They thought the current design of the signs represented the community well. City Manager Darin DeHaan said he will work on a manufacturer of the signs if the committee will work on the design.

Downtown Banner Art: City Manager Darin DeHaan said he was approached by an individual who would like to update the banners in the downtown. The banners are starting to fade. They discussed IDOT regulations for banners on the state highways. City Manager Darin DeHaan said he would reach out to get specific regulation requirements. The committee discussed how to get community input and designs on the banners.

A work session is scheduled for Wednesday May 7th at 4:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:12 P.M.

Submitted by Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk