

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 1st, 2025, 4:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Public Art Commission met Tuesday July 1st, 2025, at 4:30 P.M.

Present: Cheryl Bunton, Kate Bunton, Julie Kennelly, Chloe Metz, and Joy Meyer.

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

Julie Kennelly called the meeting to order at 4:33pm.

No public comment.

Chloe Metz moved to approve the April 23rd, 2025 minutes, Seconded by Cheryl Bunton.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Mural Grant for Chili Pepper – 416 W. Washington Street: The committee discussed the proposed mural application submitted by Diane and JT Wells. They discussed concerns with the overuse of “Oregon” in murals, the theme, potential sale of the property, and the development of Sarah Phelps Plaza. The committee recommended taking out the very western items of the mural and replacing them with more mid-western items, changing the wording from Oregon to Welcome, and adding a winding trail and more realism to the photo op area. Chloe Metz said she would redo the rendering with the recommendations and send it to the committee members for review. City Manager Darin DeHaan said he would share the revised mural with the Chamber of Commerce and the groups that were involved with the vision for Sarah Phelps Plaza.

Cheryl Bunton moved to approve the Mural Grant for Chili Pepper – 416 W. Washington Street contingent on redesign and oversight by interested parties, Seconded by Joy Meyer.

Motion carried. No Nays.

City Welcome Signs Designs: The committee discussed the theme, updating Blackhawk with a new perspective, updating the colors, and adding All Trails Lead to Oregon. They will be holding another work session to finalize details.

Downtown Banner Art Project: The committee discussed using old photos of downtown Oregon on the new banners. The old photos would show the history of the community as well as welcome people to the historic downtown. The committee plans to work with the Ogle County Historical Society to select photos for the new banners.

Joy Meyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:16pm., Seconded by Chloe Metz.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Submitted by Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk