



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Springfield City Hall. 225 5th St., Springfield, OR 97477

October 10, 2023

5:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Springfield Arts Commission was held on November 14, 2023. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Carolyn Miller, Meredith Branch, David Grimes, Adam Gutierrez, Thi Nguyen, Suzanne Vinson, Summer Young-Jelinek, Chris Rohaley

Staff Liaison: Mindy Linder

Council Liaison Interim: Beth Blackwell

Public Attendee: Steve Moe

Special Guest: Niel Laudati

5:30 OCTOBER MINUTES SUMMER YOUNG-JELINEK

1. Introductions: Chris Rohaley, owns Area 51 Tattoo for 23 years. Helps out with local youth sports. As a professional artist, excited to be here to learn more and contribute.
2. Correct the header of the first page of the monthly meeting minutes to "Monthly Meeting"- Meredith, Thi seconds.
3. Motion to approve minutes: PASSES

5:43 LIAISON REPORT MINDY LINDER

1. Review budget
2. Recruitment update: Chris will officially begin his term in December
3. Mayors Art Show awardees were contacted and will get payments in the next few weeks.
4. Info share:
 - a. Illumination is opening Dec 8, celebrating Black culture, music, comedy, food and more. Check out the Museum at First Friday- Mindy
 - b. Collect-a-Palooza at Hamlin Middle School, like a mini Comic-Con. Free entry. Special guest, sports cards, anime stuff, local artists. Sunday, Dec 3 from 10-5 pm. - Chris
 - c. Suzanne went to the Healthy Moves fundraiser, to address the gap in PE. See opportunities for the boxes to display art, Suzanne invites all members to pass along info, as she has also sent people to Adam for the youth gallery.

6:03 OFFICER NOMINATIONS SUMMER YOUNG-JELINEK

1. Secretary, Chair, Vice Chair: David nominated for Secretary, Meredith for Chair, Thi for Chair and Vice-Chair. Carolyn and Suzanne would volunteer for Vice Chair. Chris would be interested in volunteering for Art Walk Chair.
2. Subcommittees: Consider your subcommittees and see if you want to continue, do something else, need assistance.

6:24 HERITAGE ARTS GRANT SUMMER YOUNG-JELINEK

1. Review application, timelines. Looking at setting up Google Form.
2. Discussed Adding opportunity for applicants to be able to talk to Commissioners about their project. If people reach out, then everyone would get a callback.

6:33 PUBLIC ART NIEL LAUDATI



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1. 2008 Council put together a 5 yr public art downtown program, to celebrate the City's anniversary. Due to economy changes, lost funding. Worked with Rotary to do the first entryway sign. Then worked on the Simpson's murals, participated with FOX. Connected with Matt Groenig to ask about different ways to promote Simpsons in town. Got the mural done (cost \$10k) it's a big draw. Then did Ken Kelsey mural, women's veteran memorial - this we partnered with SAC and did a community meeting and got feedback that we didn't need this. Created a subcommittee and made the Lionesses mural at Willamalane. Also worked with Willamalane to make it accessible. Did the Flame project, some entryway signs into Glenwood and Thurston. These were all part of the City strategies. SAC has assisted with past mural projects, ideas. Council has approved additional projects which we are now prepping. Long term this program may not live in the City Manager's office, it may go to SAC, not sure. We need someone from SAC to be on the team, and we can be helpful with technical contracts.
2. Suzanne has idea to do Holiday Windows, to light up vacant and open storefronts. Businesses or an org pay \$100 for people to decorate the window, can have schools, people, lights up downtown. There is a contest also. Eugene has a program like that, part of Cultural Services. Could promote on social media, have people tagging, get excited. Could be something we can partner with Lane Arts Council with.
3. Indigeneous community and Beyond Toxics' mural and SAC funds from HAG last year, there is follow up interest in getting a site.
4. City Managers Office has helped SAC with the mural restoration, could be open to proposals for contributing funds for future mural projects. Once SAC has restored the other 2 murals on the priority list, may want to go to Council and request to use the restoration funds for new art.
5. Send Suzanne info about SAC accomplishments to put up on the website.

7:00

COUNCIL UPDATE

BETH BLACKWELL

1. Busy interviewing and appointing talented people to our commissions. We are in our new council chambers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Uyen-Thi Nguyen, Secretary