



CITY OF STAYTON PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

Thursday, January 16, 2025
Public Works/ Planning Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: Kronquist called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Present: Mark Kronquist
Nick Raba
Kimberly Dwyer

Absent: N/A

Staff: Jennifer Siciliano, Community & Economic Development Director, and Christian Smithrud, Community Engagement Coordinator

Guest(s): None

MEETING MINUTES: No minutes from November 2024 meeting due to office specialist vacancy. No December 2024 meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Presentations / Comments from the Public – None

Update Contacting Art Teachers and Schools – No updates – Nick Raba will be contacting Regis St. Mary and Kim Dwyer will contact North Santiam School District.

Integrate Public Art into Community Spaces

The commissioners discussed placing public art in various community spaces, with a focus on historic images of Stayton for an initial installation at the Community Center. Concerns were raised about potential damage to artwork in high-traffic areas, but it was suggested that easily replaceable framed prints could be used. The idea of a rotating gallery of historic photos was proposed.

The discussion also touched on mural projects, with a suggestion to explore available grant funding. The city has a small amount of community improvement funds remaining, but larger projects may require additional fundraising. Possible mural locations were discussed, including the Odd Fellows building, water towers, and other high-visibility areas. A theme of “Waterways of Stayton” was suggested, and efforts will be made to identify muralists who can bring the concept to life.

Community Survey for Public Arts

A discussion was held on the importance of gathering community input for public art projects. The idea of conducting a survey was mentioned to understand community preferences better. The need for well-prepared project proposals to apply for future grant opportunities was also highlighted.

The group also discussed methods to gather community input, particularly through surveys. While QR codes were suggested for accessibility, it was acknowledged that physical copies would be essential for reaching a broader demographic. There were ideas for distributing surveys at locations like the laundromat, senior center, and library. Outreach efforts could also include visiting community events and leveraging social media to maximize participation.

Additionally, there was interest in organizing art classes and workshops at the community center, possibly funded through grants. The idea of partnering with local businesses, such as breweries for "sip and paint" events, was also mentioned. Securing instructors would be necessary.

Another topic was the possibility of hosting a "Chalk the Block" event, which would involve closing off a street for a large-scale chalk art activity. Logistics, including permitting and funding for supplies, were discussed. A potential connection was made to other public events, such as dyeing a river green for a celebration, and how these activities could foster community participation.

ADJOURN Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE- February 20th, 2025 @ 6:00pm, at Public Works Conference Room