

STAYTON PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 21, 2025

COMMISSIONERS: Mark Kronquist – Chair (present)
Nic Raba (present)
Kim Dwyer (via Zoom)
Eric Loftin (present)
Michele Jungwirth (not present)

STAFF MEMBERS: Jennifer Siciliano, Community & Economic Development Director
Susan Bender Public Works Office Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Karli Duison, artist; Brenda Sanchez from Marion County Soil and Water District; Bekah Komp, artist.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Mark Kronquist called the meeting to order at 6 pm. Welcomed and introduce new members of the Commission, Eric Loftin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Raba motioned to approve minutes from the Regular Meeting on July 19, 2025, and the special meeting on July 7th, 2025, and Dwyer seconded. Approved 4:0.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Public Presentations: Komp introduced herself and described her type of work, which is currently occupying The Artisan Well. Sanchez introduced artist Karli Duison, who presented an update on the mural planned for the western side of the Marion County Soil and Water District building, which fronts 3rd Avenue downtown. General approval of the mural design and kudos to the artist.

Community Center Lobby Pictures: Bender presented an update on the art installation at the Community Center. Swing frames do not fit the current budget, and PW Interim Director Buchanan suggested we look at a less expensive option like picture rails, with the idea of supplementing that system with swing frames possibly fundable in the next funding cycle. Bender will conduct research and bring information.

Update on the Art Workshop; The first workshop is scheduled for September 25th. Siciliano offered to speak with Howard Tsang to extend the Arts Survey until after this date, to capture opinions from the workshop attendees. She also presented to the group a selection of images from the artist (We Make Art) the attendees can attempt to replicate; the group unanimously selected #37. Members discussed having attendees pay, and how that may be structured. Decision made to cap attendees at 20, and not charge a fee, since the Commission has funds to pay the artist. Dwyer suggested we set out a donation jar.

Update on the Odd Fellows mural- Kronquist suggest a conference call with the Kalapuya Tribe to see if they have interest in participating in Arts Commission projects, or if they have projects of their own they may want to do in Stayton. Bender offered to find out who the appropriate tribal contact may be.

ODOT Brown Sign for Downtown Historic Stayton- Further discussion about pursuing an ODOT brown highway sign concluded with a decision not to move forward. It was suggested that this effort might be better suited for Revitalize Downtown Stayton (RDS), as it does not fall squarely within the scope of arts.

ADJOURN –Chair Kronquist adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm.