**CITY OF LA GRANDE**

**ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES FOR January 12, 2022**

Members present: Karen Johnson, Evie Stacey, Karen M

Members absent: Amber Scroggins

Staff Present: Stu Spence, Parks & Recreation Director

1. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Karen M. called the meeting to order at 5:36pm with three (3) or four (4) Commissioners present. Evie added old business Signal Box Wrap and new business Events and Budget. The following motion was introduced by Stacey; Johnson providing the second: Motion: I move that we approve the agenda as amended. MSC. Unanimous.

1. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

The following motion was introduced by Johnson; Stacey providing the second: Motion: I move that we approve the December 2021 minutes as presented. MSC. Unanimous.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
   1. None.
2. **OLD BUSINESS**
   1. **Public Art at the Library Funding**
      1. Stu has been looking into several different grants. He had a conversation with the Oregon Cultural Trust, but unfortunately, they only fund non-profits. Stu is checking on the following funders:
         1. Wildhorse – Deadline is April 1st
         2. Kinsman Foundation
         3. Oregon Arts Commission – Arts Build Communities Grants – have a phone meeting scheduled. Only give up to $5,000 generally.
         4. EOVA – email out
         5. OCF – need to call
         6. Miller Foundation, Reser Foundation recommended by Alice Trindle (Symphony) who has been successful with them.
         7. AARP Community Challenge
         8. T Mobile Home Town Challenge grant – may be the best fit.
         9. Evie or Karen will look at Walmart funding.
      2. Stu also reminded the group that we have about $4800 in the account now that can be used for match money.
   2. **Commissioner Recruitment**
      1. Evie said that Cory Peeke may join us again and is advertising on campus for us.
   3. **Signal Box Art Wrap**
      1. Karen is working on getting samples from other towns. She hasn’t got a hold of ODOT yet, but she would like to decorate all four boxes around downtown La Grande.
      2. Each elementary school could design one signal box.
      3. Cost is about $1500 per box and needs to be professionally installed. Art Commission would be responsible for cleaning and maintaining.
      4. Could fundraise for this project through local businesses.
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. **Election of 2022 Officers**
      1. The following motion was introduced by Stacey; Johnson providing the second: Motion: I move that we keep the officers the same as in 2021 with Matheson remaining Chair and Stacey remaining Vice-Chair. MSC. Unanimous.
   2. **Calendar of Events for 2022**
      1. With Covid, the Commission is unsure of events other than the Summer Concerts and Shakespeare in Max Square. **The consensus was to set aside $200 for Shakespeare and $800 for Summer Concerts. Also to include $150 for regional art show at Nightingale Gallery at EOU ($100 in art supplies gift basket/certificate for LG High young artist award, $50 art supplies gift basket/certificate for honorable mention)**
   3. **Budget for 2022**
      1. The following motion was introduced by Johnson; Stacey providing the second: **Motion: I move that we dedicate $800 for the summer concert series and $200 for Shakespeare in Park and $150 in awards for HS art shows. MSC. Unanimous.**
      2. Evie reminded staff to look in to funding through City General Fund or TRT taxes.
4. **STAFF REPORTS**
   1. Stu shared the Draft Parks Master Plan
5. **INFORMATION**
   1. Just a reminder to submit volunteer time sheets for all time you spend outside of meetings.
6. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
   1. Evie – 10 hours on Facebook
   2. Karen – 5 hours Researching signal box wraps
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm. Next regular meeting is scheduled for February 9th on Zoom Videoconference.