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The Quilts at Keizer show by members of the Mid-Valley Quilt Guild is on display now at Keizer Civic Center.

Questions arise over student art show at KPAC meeting thority to waive or change the

to get that. It would be up to

the city council to alter that.

Or you could choose to not

accept the show, but I don't

think anyone is anxious for

students should be able to sell

art was sold, maybe that would

be \$1,000," she said. "Is that

the precedent that would be

set if students weren't charged

other artists if everyone was

charged commission and stu-

commission to her school's art

program while in high school.

time, they can mark up the

sion would be a big issue for

"If they know ahead of

Christopher said a commis-

Jessi Long noted she paid a

dents aren't," she said.

price," Long said.

SKEF.

a commission.

really what you want to do?"

their pieces during the show.

Christopher questioned if

"My expectation is if all the

Beth Melendy pointed to

"It wouldn't be fair to

that."

By CRAIG MURPHY Of the Keizertimes

So you thought a student art show at city hall would be a simple topic.

It's not, or at least not in Keizer.

A student art show is scheduled to be at the Keizer Civic Center from April through June. Discussion of the show was a topic during the Dec. 22 Keizer Public Arts Commission (KPAC) meeting. Originally conceived as Salem-Keizer Education Foundation (SKEF) show, chair Lore Christopher said it should now be called an allstudent art show.

The bigger issue: if students should have to pay commission for any work sold at the show, in keeping with standard KPAC policy.

"It's not your choice," Community Development director Nate Brown told KPAC members. "As the council approved your policy, you need to charge everyone."

Christopher said that would be a problem.

"They will not allow us to charge students a commission," said Christopher, who noted she had talked with SKEF executive director Krina Lee."It's a real coup to help the entire school district."

Brown said waiving the usual commission fee wouldn't be simple.

"You don't have the au-



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then," Christopher said. commission rate," Brown said. "Remember, we fought hard

Rick Day suggested working with Salem-Keizer School District superintendent Christy Perry, while Christopher suggested her own alternative. "One workaround is no

pieces can be sold at the show," she said. "Maybe cut the deal after the show."

Melendy said that could work.

"It's better than no show at all," she said.

Christopher said it was school policy not to allow others to make money off the students, which would be the issue with charging a commission.

"It's not Christy, it's Krina," Christopher said. "It's SKEF policy. Actually, I don't know which it is. To solve it, there would be no sales. If anyone is interested in a piece, they can go to Krina."

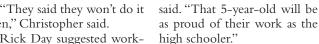
Christopher emphasized the importance of having the show.

"This is giving students a chance to show their art," she

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Day agreed with the idea of no sales during the show, but any sales afterwards due to work being seen at the show should result in a commission being paid. Melendy also agreed work should not be sold during the show.

"I will explain it to Krina," Christopher said. "I'm not trying to change anything."

While there were questions about the next show at Keizer Civic Center, there were no questions about the current show.

For the third consecutive year, members of the Mid-Valley Quilt Guild have their items on display in their Quilts at Keizer show. The items will be on display through the end of March.







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