

**ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 28, 2023
City Hall, Conference Room #6**

Attendees: Chairman Mary Lee Ryba, Vice Chairman Jennifer Drake, Commissioner John Bruning, Commissioner David Groth, Commissioner Abby Light, Commissioner Bev Moss, Commissioner Sally Shortridge, Commissioner Kate Walker, City Council Liaison Amy Evans, City Administrator Troy Tymesen, Executive Assistant Sherrie Badertscher.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ryba called the meeting to order.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Bruning, seconded by Commissioner Light, to approve the February 28, 2023, minutes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Light, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to approve the February 2023, Financial Reports. **Motion carried.**

COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS: Mr. Tymesen noted the ground breaking for the installation of the ICCU shade structure at Riverstone Park's amphitheater was scheduled for Wednesday, at 11:00 am. He said all the Performing Arts Grants had been disbursed in full and the awardees of the grants had all shared how appreciative they were and how helpful the funding had been in getting them through the pandemic.

DISCUSSION ON MAINTENANCE OF "MONUMENT TO PEACE AND UNITY": Commissioner Bruning said it had been brought up at the previous Arts Commission meeting that the color of the art piece was not as had been expected as the maquette was a bronze color and the art piece was currently red. He asked if there was any interest from the Commission to explore the cost of painting the piece? Mr. Tymesen noted that moving forward, contract language would be added that the art piece must match the maquette regarding color. Councilmember Evans asked if the artist had been contacted about the color and was there any chance the piece may weather into a suitable patina? Chairman Ryba mentioned Commissioner Momerak may have ideas of suitable paint for the outside elements and Commissioner Walker volunteered to research what was currently applied to the piece and appropriate paint options.

DISCUSSION OF NEW PROJECT "SUPPORT THE VALUES OF COEUR D'ALENE": Commissioner Groth said he had concerns with the turmoil in the community. He said he would like to support a project focusing on the values of CDA and art was a way to do something positive. He said he'd like it to be a statement of who CDA was, and what it values such as kindness, love, where children are supported, valued, and able to thrive. He noted the school district levies had failed which hadn't happened since they began in 1986. He noted there had been significant community efforts in the past to suppress hate groups and from those efforts the Human Rights

Education Institute had been established. He said something similar was now needed and would like to see the Arts Commission create a campaign. He suggested a few examples of creating art pieces honoring those who have contributed significantly to the heart and soul of CDA such as creating a welcome sign with a statement of the values of CDA, dedicating a day centered around CDA's values, community workshop, inviting artists to create posters, creation of 2023 mini-cards to hand out to visitors, coordinate community conversations, or an entry for the 4th of July Parade. Chairman Ryba noted performing arts in schools were something the Arts Commission supports as part of its vision. Commissioner Groth mentioned the Love Lives Here and CDA Rejects Hate campaigns as examples of the community coming together. Council Liaison Evans said there was a rich history of the community coming together when needed and mentioned the "Stop the Recall" efforts in regard to Mayor Bloem's efforts to build McEuen Park. Chairman Ryba said a subcommittee should be established to explore ideas and it may be possible to tie-in to existing art pieces in the public art collection such as the "Monument to Peace and Unity." Chairman Ryba, Commissioner Light, Commissioner Shortridge, Commissioner Walker and Council Liaison Evans volunteered to explore ideas for a project.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:

Mayor's Awards in the Arts: Chairman Ryba said the event was scheduled for October 4, 2023, and Steven Shortridge will be the Master of Ceremonies.

Audio Guide: Commissioner Bruning said the committee was focusing on marketing and were exploring adding art photos to the postcards.

Performing Arts: Commissioner Groth said he had attended the Wind Symphony Concert at NIC, it was delightful, and encouraged everyone to attend the concerts.

Community Arts: Vice Chairman Drake said the Lake City Playhouse was the oldest community theater group and she would be continuing to work with them on possible funding solutions.

Ped/Bike Brochure: Commissioner Moss said she was looking at distributing the brochures around the 3rd week in April and would reach out to Commissioners who had volunteered to assist.

Public Art Plaques: Commissioner Moss noted the plaque for the Riverstone Park art piece "Undercurrent" was finished and would be installed soon.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Groth, seconded by Commissioner Shortridge, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting ended at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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