

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
November 23, 2021
City Hall, Conference Room #6

Attendees in Person: Executive Assistant Sherrie Badertscher, Accountant Stephanie Padilla, Commissioner Jennifer Drake, Commissioner Teresa Runge, Commissioner John Bruning, City Administrator Troy Tymesen.

Commissioner Attendees via ZOOM: Priscilla Bell PhD, Bev Moss, Mag Behrmann, Lindsay Sichelstiel.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jennifer Drake called the meeting to order.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Bruning, seconded by Commissioner Moss, to approve the September 14, 2021, minutes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT:

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Runge, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to approve the September and October 2021, Financial Reports. **Motion carried.**

COMMENTS: Executive Assistant Badertscher mentioned in past years the December Commission meeting has been cancelled and asked the Commissioners if that was the desire for this year. All were in agreement to cancel December's meeting.

City Administrator Tymesen thanked the Mayor's Arts Awards Committee members Ali Shute, Mary Lee Ryba, Teresa Runge, Trudy Elliot, and staff Stephanie Padilla and Sherrie Badertscher for a great event. He noted Council was reviewing the Historic Preservation Plan and had requested historical art be included in the plan as well. He also noted the Performing Arts Grants were slowly rolling out to the organizations and they were starting to hold in-person events again.

Commissioner Runge said she and her family attended the Out of the Shadows Theatre production and said the performance was fantastic and encouraged everyone to attend next year.

EXPLORE A CONTRACT WITH OTOCAST LCC: Chairman Drake mentioned that at the September Commission meeting it was asked if the Commissioners would like to bring the item back as an action item to pursue the cost and opened it up for discussion.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Bell, to approve soliciting a financial proposal and budget from Otocast. **Motion carried.**

UPDATE ON “INSPIRED” PUBLIC ART SCULPTURE: Mr. Tymesen stated Ginno Construction was partnering with the artist utilizing their crane for the art piece setup. He said the City was prepped and ready, and were currently waiting for Ginno Construction to have an opening in their schedule. He noted the installation was expected to be completed this calendar year.

4TH STREET PARKING GARAGE PUBLIC ART UPDATE: Chairman Drake stated she hadn't heard any updates and assumed everything was moving forward. Ms. Badertscher mentioned Celeste Cooning has been awarded the contract by Council at their September meeting, the contract documents had been fully executed, and they expected a request for the first contract disbursement soon.

DISCUSSION OF EAST SHERMAN AVENUE OVERPASS MURAL PROJECT: Mr. Tymesen said he had contacted ITD about the project and submitting a permit to IDT would be the next step. He noted he also met with the North Idaho Pride Alliance and it was decided to move the sidewalk project to the overpass mural as it would be a much longer lasting project. He said they would partner with the East Sherman Revitalization group on the project as well and there was an opportunity to add LED lighting to the area as part of the project.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:

Mayor's Awards in the Arts: Chairman Drake mentioned the artist who creates the awards had requested an increase to his fee as he had spent extra time and energy creating the awards this year. Chairman Drake asked the Commission if they would entertain an increase. After discussion, she stated she would bring the item back at the next meeting as an action item.

ArtCurrents: Commissioner Runge stated the expiring pieces had been removed and nine (9) new pieces had been installed. She noted a new call would go out next year for six (6) more pieces.

Ped/Bike Brochure for Art: Commissioner Moss stated the new brochure would be completed next spring.

New Member Training/Policies: Chairman Drake stated they would be interviewing a new applicant for the Commission next Friday.

Private Art in the Public View: Commissioner Behrman stated she had sent the photos to Ms. Badertscher, and asked for direction on what the Commission wished to do with the art images. Chairman Drake stated the intent was to add them to the City's website as another page of artwork. Mr. Tymesen noted staff would ensure the page would have verbiage to indicate the collection was on private property.

Storm Drain Art: Ms. Badertscher stated the invoices from Sorenson and Winton Elementary Schools had been received and were processed for payment on November 15.

Four Corners Art Project: Ms. Padilla mentioned the artist has had some issues with the steel rolling process and acquiring steel in general because of the supply chain issues. She said she was also waiting for engineered plans from the artist in order to get the permit for installation, and noted installation was estimated for March 2022.

Chairman Drake welcomed new student representative Adeline Smith to the Commission.

Commissioner Bell noted she would be in Spain January through May of next year and would like to offer her assistance to the subcommittees during that time.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Bruning, seconded by Commissioner Behrmann, to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sherrie L. Badertscher
Executive Assistant