

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
December 16, 2015

Attendees: Jennifer Drake, Roberta Larsen, Amy Evans, Jared Helm, Tina Johnson, David Groth, Trudy Elliott, Mark Johnstone, Mike Dodge, Christina Hull, Marina Lundy, Sean Holm, Shana Stuhlmiller, Hilary Anderson

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were no conflicts of interest declared.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: There were no agenda amendments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Larsen, seconded by Helm, to approve the October 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:

MOTION by Helm, seconded by Dodge, to approve the Financial Statement for October and November 2015. Motion carried.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Johnson inquired if staff has any updates on the work to be done on the Rainbow Bridge.

Mr. Holm explained that Cartwrappers ordered the aluminum pieces that will be wrapped around the wires and once those are in, will be able to wrap them. He also stated that the weather has not been cooperative.

STAFF COMMENTS:

East Sherman Tile Mosaics—Hilary Anderson

Ms. Anderson explained that at the Blocking it on Sherman event held earlier this year, staff handed out mosaic tiles and asked people to draw a design on the tiles to go with the event. She stated that Moontime offered to put the mosaic tiles on a wall, but needs volunteers to help with the placement of the Mosaics, and inquired if any of the commission knew of any local artists who would be interested, and if so, please contact her.

Commissioner Larsen suggested since many of the local Realtors had participated at this event, to contact them to see if they would like to volunteer.

Ms. Anderson introduced Marina Lundy who helped paint many of the mosaics and was just appointed to the Arts Commission as the student representative for this year. She announced that Chief Morris Antelope has been completed and that the artist, Cheryl Metcalf, contacted staff about setting up a ceremony for the dedication. She requested to have the dedication sometime mid-January. Staff suggested sending out a “Doodle” poll with some available days in January.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Donation process—Steve Anthony & Bill Greenwood

Mr. Anthony explained the donation process to the commission and how this process was implemented to keep track of the art pieces donated to the city. He explained that before this process, the city was accepting all donated art, and the current process eliminates art donations that might not be appropriate for the city.

Chairman Drake inquired if donated art intended to be located in a park would go to Parks and Rec Commission for their consideration.

Mr. Anthony answered that it would need to go before the Parks and Rec Commission for approval.

Commissioner Larsen stated that the Freedom Tree and the Sundial was not seen by the Arts Commission and inquired if staff could explain why that did not happen.

Bill Greenwood, City Parks Department, explained that those pieces were from a private donation.

Mr. Anthony suggested that all donations should go through the process in the future, to be able to track those pieces.

Commissioner Johnstone commented that he is new to the commission and suggested in the future to have a training session regarding the donation process for all new commissioners.

Chairman Drake stated that Bob McDonald recently presented to the commission a piece designed for the dog park at McEuen, and questioned if the Parks Department would want this piece, and if they did, would it be able to go in the dog park where Mr. McDonald would want it displayed.

Mr. Greenwood stated that he has discussed this donation with Mr. McDonald, and suggested that he go back to the Arts Commission with a more detailed plan, and then goes before Parks and Recreation Commission for approval.

2. Community Arts Subcommittee Report—Christina Hull & Jared Helm

Commissioners Hull and Helm recently met with Jeni from Emerge to discuss how her class would work with the city. She provided a class schedule for them to review and that the commissioners stated they would like to propose a scholarship program where the Arts Commission would provide funds to Emerge to help with either class supplies or provide free classes to underprivileged students who can't afford to attend. They suggested a scholarship ranging from \$300 to \$ 500 per month. Commissioner Hull stated that Jeni explained that money, if awarded, would be added to a pool of money to be used, maybe not for scholarships, but to provide assistance with rent. Commissioner Hull stated after hearing how the money would be handled, that this brought up some red flags and asked if Jeni could provide a copy of her budget to review and after reviewing the budget saw some inconsistencies, and felt that if money was given during the year, that the budget should be reviewed by either staff or a commissioner throughout the year. Commissioner Hull stated that she feels this is a good start, but would like to look at other possibilities to consider.

Commissioner Helm concurred and added that he told Jeni that if approved, he would like someone from the Arts Commission to have a seat on the board and provide quarterly reports on when and how the money is used.

Commissioner Groath stated that he feels that we should support this program and likes that the money can be used for either supplies or scholarships.

Chairman Drake stated that she feels \$500 is not enough, and suggested raising the amount to \$1,000.

Mr. Anthony suggested looking at the classes starting in January to see what kind of success that month had. He feels this would get an indication if the program will be a success.

Ms. Anderson feels that since the money will be from Ignite CDA, we will need to be cautious and have a draft contract for Emerge to review.

Commissioner Elliott questioned how Emerge was chosen to replace the existing summer arts program and commented that there might be other programs to come forward if this was advertised.

Chairman Drake explained at the time we weren't looking for a summer arts program and that Jenni came to the Arts Commission with a presentation explaining her program and the commission thought this might be a good place to start.

Motion by Helm, seconded by Larson, to provide Emerge \$1,000 per month in support of Community Arts to be used for materials and scholarships for twelve months, with monthly financial review and full financial review in February 2016 and then quarterly thereafter. Subject to a Board of Directors position. Contract can be canceled at any point based on performance review.

3. Summer Street Performers—David Groth

Commissioner Groth stated that he would like to see an event where street performers can perform. He commented that he contacted Kathy Lewis, City Deputy City Clerk, and she told him that it would be acceptable, but would have to be associated with an event and require a permit. Commissioner Groth feels that this type of event would be a great event to happen during the weekdays and inquired if the commission thinks this is a great idea.

The commission thinks this is a good idea and Chairman Drake would like to have one person oversee this project.

Commissioner Groth stated that he would like to be the contact person and asked Commissioner Helm to work with him, which he agreed.

4. NWPAC—Mark Johnstone

Commissioner Johnstone explained that a couple months ago, staff contacted Karen Bubb, City of Boise, to inquire what is needed to put together this conference next year. He stated that during the telephone conference, a question was asked about their timeline for last year and that Karen explained that they started planning the event at the beginning of the year to make their meeting date in October. He stated that this would be a great event for the city, but before fully committing to do this event, he would have to get the full support of the commission to make it work.

The commission discussed and decided to pass on the event this year and that Commissioner Johnstone will call Karen and tell her that the City has declined.

5. Roll Responsibilities/Committees—Jennifer Drake

Chairman Drake stated for next year, she would like to go over the list of subcommittees to see if people need to be added or removed - since the role of the subcommittees will be changed due to lack of staff and the number of projects. Chairman Drake also commented she would like to discuss and prioritize projects next month and develop a prioritized list for the budget workshop in February.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Larsen, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.