

**ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2023
City Hall, Conference Room #6**

Attendees: Chairman Mary Lee Ryba, Vice Chairman Jennifer Drake, Commissioner Abby Light, Commissioner Katie Linder (via Teams), Commissioner Lindsey Sichelstiel, Commissioner Kate Walker, Commissioner Summer Ward, City Administrator Troy Tymesen, City Accountant Stephanie Padilla.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION: Motion by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Commissioner Sichelstiel, to approve the August 22, 2023, minutes. **Motion carried.**

SELECTION AND APPROVAL OF THE 2023 MAYOR'S AWARDS IN THE ARTS RECIPIENTS: Chairman Ryba explained the nomination process and read the guidelines for each award category. The Commissioners went over the nominations for the following categories: Excellence in the Arts, Support of the Arts, Arts in Education, Student Excellence in the Arts, and the recommendation to add a Lifetime Achievement Award. The Commissioners discussed each nomination and their merits. Commissioners voted by secret ballot and the following individuals were selected:

- Posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award: Roberta Larson
- Excellence in the Arts: Amy D'Orazi
- Support of the Arts: David and Susan Denton
- Arts in Education: Nick Thorpe
- Student Excellence in the Arts: Josalyn Benak

The Commissioners agreed that there were two (2) very worthy nominations in the "Support of the Arts" category. They agreed that they would like to recognize ignite cda and would create a special award at next year's event to highlight their many years of support of the arts in Coeur d'Alene.

PUBLIC ART DONATION: Ms. Padilla said the City had been contacted by artist Breezy Anderson who had an art piece on display in the City's ArtCurrents program. Ms. Anderson had offered to donate her art piece "Unrestrained Force," which was currently on display at Lakeside Avenue at 4th Street. The art piece is valued at \$14,000. The Commissioners agreed that the art piece would make a wonderful addition to the public art collection.

MOTION: Motion by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Commissioner Sichelstiel, to Recommend Council Accept the Donated Art Piece “Unrestrained Force” by Artist Breezy Anderson. **Motion carried.**

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:

Mayor’s Awards in the Arts: Chairman Ryba said the event was on track and the committee was working on details and arrangements for the entertainment.

ArtCurrents: Chairman Ryba said five (5) new pieces had been approved by Council at their September 5, meeting. She noted that the art pieces entitled “Selkirk Mountains Monarch” and “HereAfter” were no longer available. “Selkirk Mountains Monarch” had been consigned at a local gallery and the artist of “HereAfter” said the piece was no longer available as submitted. Chairman Ryba said the program would move forward with the remaining three (3) art pieces. She explained that there wasn’t sufficient time to go through the selection process with the Arts Commission and City Council to add additional pieces at this time.

Performing Arts: Chairman Ryba asked Commissioner Ward if she would like to chair the subcommittee with Commissioner Ward responding she would.

Community Arts: Vice Chairman Drake said Emerge had submitted a draft proposal to provide community art programming and it would be placed on the next Commission agenda for review and possible approval.

DTA Winter Lights Festival: Vice Chairman Drake said the committee was moving quickly, and due to time constraints, it may be difficult for the Commission to oversee a call or offer other financial support. Ms. Padilla mentioned there were ongoing issues regarding permits and logistics of the festival. Chairman Ryba noted weather during the dates of the festival may be an issue as well. Vice Chairman Drake suggested the Commission continue to offer non-monetary support of the festival with all Commissioners in agreement.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Sichelstiel, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting ended at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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