

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
January 23, 2018

Attendees: Jennifer Drake, Tina Johnson, Trudy Elliot, John Bruning, Mark Johnstone, Amy Ferguson, Teresa Runge, Ashley McCormack, Sydney Morrison, Hannah Daniels

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were none.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

MINUTES: Motion by Commissioner Johnstone, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to approve the November 28, 2017 minutes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by Commissioner Johnstone, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the December financial report. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Johnstone said that he watched the presentation that Mr. Taylor made to the city council for the approval of the Jason Sanchez piece. He noted that Councilmember Gookin asked the commission to update their Master Plan, and to find someone to operate as a curator for the collection. This item will be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Johnstone also said that he had a conference call with Kathleen Burns today from the City Of Moscow, and Maria Shannon, head of the museum at WAZZU Pullman. They are going to host the Northwest Public Art Conference this fall, on a date in the middle of September. They are planning on it only being one day, with an opening reception on a Tuesday night, an all-day program on Wednesday, with the possible option of people going on a tour of the art collection on Thursday morning. They would like the Arts Commission to be involved and Commissioner Johnstone said that he has volunteered his assistance. They would also like the Arts Commission to consider contributing financially. They are hoping to bring in a keynote speaker – probably a practicing public artist from somewhere in the northwest – to talk about their work, etc. They would need assistance with covering the expenses for the speaker, or if the Arts Commission did want to do that, they suggested possibly offering scholarships for students or artists from this area who want to attend the conference.

Commissioner Elliott mentioned a recent letter to the editor regarding the bike rack call. The letter suggested that the art collection does not include local artists. She wondered if the commission would like to prepare a follow up letter to the editor. Chairman Drake said that she was just going to let it go, and that when a selection committee is put together and is choosing the art, they can suggest a local artist, but they don't have to. Commissioner Johnstone commented that he had approached the paper last week about writing a series of articles about

public art in Coeur d'Alene, explaining what it is and what the commission does. Chairman Drake said that the commission has a good opportunity to promote the fact that they are using local artists since Mr. Sanchez is a local artist.

Chairman Drake commented that at the last city council meeting a gentleman approached the city council about busking. She noted that it is probably something that the commission might want to consider getting established before the summer season.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Chairman Drake welcome new Arts Commission member, Ashley McCormack.

REVIEW OF SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS/SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:
The established subcommittees were approved and updates were provided as follows:

Mayor's Awards in the Arts:

Trudy Elliott, Chair
Ali Shute
Pam Asher (Advisor)
Marie Widmyer (Advisor)

Utility Box Beautification:

Trudy Elliott, Chair
Ashley McCormack
Sidney Morrison
Hannah Daniels

ArtCurrents:

Mark Johnstone, Chair
Ali Shute
Greg Lewis
Trudy Elliott

It was mentioned that there is still an empty spot near the candy store south of Sherman, and the ArtCurrents plaques are not finished yet. Commissioner Johnstone will check with Mr. Taylor.

Arts Commission Applicant Review:

Jennifer Drake, Chair
Amy Evans
Sam Taylor

Ms. Ferguson will be scheduling "meet and greets" with the three Arts Commission applicants.

Riverstone Public Art:

Trudy Elliott
Amy Evans
Mark Johnstone

Commissioner Elliott said that she sent Mr. Taylor and former commissioner Robert Larsen an email regarding the status of the project but hasn't heard back. She will email them again, and will also contact the artist.

Performing Arts:

David Groth, Chair
Greg Lewis
Sidney Morrison
Hannah Daniels

Community Arts:

Jennifer Drake, Chair
Teresa Runge
Trudy Elliott
Ashley McCormack

Mill River Public Art – Subcommittee dissolved

Public Archives Project:

Mark Johnstone, Chair

Commissioner Johnstone will meet with Ms. Ferguson and Mr. Taylor regarding a review of the Arts Commission website and public art inventory.

Ped/Bike Brochure for Art:

Tina Johnson
Ali Shute

Mural Projects:

Jennifer Drake, Chair
Tina Johnson
Amy Evans
Ashley McCormack

Chairman Drake noted that they need to get calls issued for three murals this year.

Library Bike Racks:

Deanna Goodlander, Chair
Bette Ammon (Library Director)

Ms. Ferguson commented that the Library Bike Racks call has been issued, with submissions due by February 10th.

Chief Morris Antelope – Landscape:

John Bruning

Commissioner Bruning said that there is no word yet when the statue will need to be moved. He will talk to Mr. Taylor about it.

Art on the Islands:

Trudy Elliott, Chair

Ali Shute

John Bruning

Mark Johnstone

Commissioner Elliott said that she emailed questions to Mr. Taylor but hasn't received a response yet, and does not think that they can move forward until the questions are answered. They did a site walk which was very informative and helpful in understanding the concerns, maintenance issues, etc. Commission Johnstone said they should look at how the art is selected so it is less likely to have people walking to the islands. He suggested a meeting with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Greenwood and the subcommittee.

Seltice Way Roundabout

Teresa Runge, Chair

Mark Johnstone

David Groth

Ali Shute

Leanne (CDA Tribe)

Commissioner Runge said that she had a meeting with Mr. Taylor two or three weeks ago and they are going to involve the Tribe. The art does not have to be completed until next year's budget. Mr. Taylor will be meeting with them next week and they anticipate that the call will be going out within the month.

Chairman Drake added the Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman to next month's agenda. She also noted that she will send an email to the commissioners who weren't in attendance at today's meeting and ask them where they want to serve. She will also ask Sam about scheduling the budget workshop.

Ms. Ferguson said that the commission will start meeting in the Large Conference Room at City Hall, hopefully starting in February.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Commissioner Johnstone, seconded by Commissioner Runge, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Executive Assistant