

**ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**March 26, 2019**

**Attendees:** Jennifer Drake, Amy Ferguson, John Bruning, David Groth, Sarah Garcia, Amy Evans, Derek Kahler

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

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION:** There were none.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were none.

**REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Commissioner Groth, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to approve the minutes of February 26, 2019. Motion carried.

**REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:** Motion by Commissioner Bruning, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, to approve the February, 2019 Financial Report. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** There were none.

**STAFF COMMENTS:** Ms. Ferguson noted that Arts Commission Liaison, Troy Tymesen, is not able to attend the meeting today due to a personnel hearing.

**“INSPIRED” PUBLIC ART UPDATE:**

Ms. Ferguson distributed progress pictures that were provided by Mr. Sanchez and noted that no commentary regarding the photos was provided by the artist.

**SELTICE WAY PUBLIC ART UPDATE:**

Ms. Ferguson said that Mr. Tymesen has been working on the permit, and it is almost complete. The artist, Mr. Boyer, provided a written update, which was provided to the commission members. Ms. Ferguson said that communication with the artist has been outstanding. Chairman Drake asked the commission members to let her know if they have any questions for the artists, and they will be happy to pass them along.

**IDAHO LUMBERJACK PUBLIC ART UPDATE:**

Ms. Ferguson distributed progress pictures that were provided by Mr. Lee and noted that the statue is currently at the foundry.

**STORM DRAIN ART UPDATE:**

Commissioner Groth said that things are moving along on the project and that he met with Ms. Ferguson and Ms. Harrington. They have selected eight locations in the community and Ms. Harrington went out at the end of last week and took pictures. The schools that are going to be invited to participate are Sorensen, Fernan, Charter, and Winton. Commissioner Groth said that

he hasn't spoken to the art teachers yet. They also met with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the tribe, and they are excited about the project. They want to come up with a theme for the project and don't have any ideas for that yet. Commissioner Groth said that they were able to find a pamphlet on how to launch your own Storm Drain Art contest from the city of Richland, Virginia, that includes incredible step-by-step details.

Commissioner Groth said that they initially wanted to have the project selection completed by the end of May, but he doesn't see that happening. He noted that he is leaving for Italy on April 9<sup>th</sup> and would like to have the call issued before he leaves, with the selection committee meeting the end of May. He asked the commission if they would prefer a local or regional call, and it was agreed that the call would be limited to Kootenai County residents.

Commissioner Groth said that he loves Ms. Harrington's vision of wanting to tie things together with the tribe and with DEQ to create a theme that is pervasive and is about taking care of our lake. It is an exciting project.

Commissioner Groth suggested having a councilmember on the selection committee who is not usually involved in the arts. Chairman Drake said that even though the project will not be done by the time of the Water Festival at the end of May, she thinks it would be a good idea to have someone at the festival to spread the word about what the Arts Commission is doing. Councilmember Evans asked Ms. Ferguson to send her details about the call as soon as they are available so that she can announce it at a council meeting.

#### **ARTCURRENTS UPDATE:**

Ms. Ferguson said that she met with Commissioner Runge to go over details of the call, which will probably go out in May or June, for installation of the pieces the last week in September. Ms. Ferguson noted that letters regarding extending for an additional year have been sent to the artists that were chosen to extend at the last Arts Commission meeting, and that so far Ms. Ferguson had heard back from all but two of the artists, and they were all willing to extend. Ms. Ferguson will contact the two remaining artists soon if she does not hear back from them.

#### **FREEDOM TREE UPDATE:**

Ms. Ferguson said that a claim was filed with the City's insurance company, and a check was received for \$5,000. The \$5,000 check was deposited into the Parks Fund (where the funds for the Freedom Tree originally came from), and Mr. Greenwood will be working with the artist, Jeff May.

#### **UPDATE ON INSTALL TIMELINE FOR VIKING SHIP BIKE RACK:**

Chairman Drake said that she talked to the artist, Tyree Kearns, and she said that everything is going according to plan and the bike rack should be ready for installation by the contract deadline. Ms. Kearns noted that with the weather and the snow, pouring concrete has been difficult, and she is working on that.

## **CHIEF MORRIS ANTELOPE RELOCATION UPDATE:**

Commissioner Bruning said that the Street crews are done with plowing and are now “rearranging snow,” after which will be street cleanup. Commissioner Bruning said that he will talk to Mr. Tymesen, and noted that snow is gone in the new location, but the ground is still very wet.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Utility Box Beautification: Ms. Ferguson said that she has been in contact with Sam Carlino with CartWraps to have the box at 15<sup>th</sup> & Sherman Avenue re-wrapped. They will let her know as soon as it is scheduled. Commissioner Kahler said that he will work on putting together a map showing the location of potential utility boxes for wrapping.

Arts Commission Applicants: Councilmember Evans said that she will make an announcement regarding the Arts Commission vacancies at the council meeting. Ms. Ferguson will make sure that the openings continue to be posted on CDA TV and the website, and Chairman Drake encouraged everyone to spread the word.

Mural Projects: Chairman Drake said that she will get together with the subcommittee and get the project going sooner, rather than later.

Art on the Islands: The project has been tabled, and the subcommittee disbanded.

Seltice Way: Chairman Drake noted that posters are being displayed in the City Hall foyer.

Public Art Plaques: Ms. Ferguson will check with Bill Greenwood to see if the plaques have been installed yet, and let the commissioners know.

City Hall Entrance: Commissioner Kahler said that he would like to do a survey of the people in City Hall to see what their thoughts are on installing something at the City Hall entrance.

Four-Corners Entrance: Commissioner Bruning said that the subcommittee will probably be looking at the project later on this summer.

Parking Garage: Chairman Drake said that there was no update and explained to the new members that the commission has been talking about the fact that there are a lot of blank vertical walls on the structure, with high traffic. The project is in more of an “idea stage” right now.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Commissioner Bruning said that the Centennial Trail Foundation has been looking at Midway Park – which is part of the trail to Riverstone. Jon Mueller has come up with a fantastic idea and the theme will be railroads. Both Union Pacific and Burlington have huge foundations that fund things like this. Mr. Mueller will present to the Parks & Recreation Commission this month. Commissioner Bruning noted that there will be opportunities for artwork and he will keep the commission updated.

**ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Commissioner Bruning, seconded by Commissioner Groth, to adjourn. Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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