

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
April 23, 2019

Attendees: Jennifer Drake, Amy Ferguson, John Bruning, Amy Evans, Derek Kahler, Ali Shute, Teresa Runge, Bev Moss, Troy Tymesen

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Local artist Cheryl Metcalf presented a wax maquette of her sculpture, “Runaway Ostrich,” as an option for future purchase by the Arts Commission. She explained that it was presented in response to a previous call to artists, and Ms. Metcalf commented that it is a nod to the carousel and feels that it needs to be located somewhere downtown. The sculpture would be about 3 or 4 feet high. Chairman Drake said that the commission would keep it in mind and see if they can work with their system and their processes. Commissioner Runge asked Ms. Metcalf if she would be interested in submitting the sculpture for the ArtCurrents program. Ms. Metcalf said that she doesn’t have the funds to finish the sculpture herself and is not sure how much it would cost, but she can find out.

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

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT: **Motion by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Runge, to approve the March, 2019 Financial Report. Motion carried.**

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Chairman Drake said that the “Acrobat Kids” statue placed in Phippeny Park is wobbling and that children are climbing on it all the time. Mr. Tymesen will follow up. She also noted that the signal box at 15th & Sherman is still unwrapped. Ms. Ferguson commented that the vinyl wrap company has been notified and the job is in the “queue.” She will be notified when it is scheduled for completion.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Tymesen said that the City has entered into a settlement agreement with the Benson brothers for completion of the Centennial Trail underpass mural by the end of July this year. He also noted that the city’s electrician is working on the “Under the Rainbow” bridge LED lighting system and will provide the commission with some cost estimates.

Mr. Tymesen said that there is an opportunity for partnering on some artistic signage in midtown and presented an artistic rendering of a possible arch, and asked if it would be something that the commission would support with a call to artists, and possibly a partnership with ignite. The funds would come from the Lake District.

Commissioner Kahler asked if there were any architectural plans for the development yet. Mr. Tymesen said that there were and they have been presented to ignite. Commissioner Moss said that she would be interested in doing something similar at the end of Sherman Avenue.

“INSPIRED” PUBLIC ART UPDATE:

Mr. Tymesen said that he has been in contact with Mr. Sanchez, and noted that the statue still needs to be powder coated. The artist is hoping for install by July 3rd. Discussion ensued regarding the reasons that the project has been delayed for so long. Mr. Tymesen will send a letter to the artist.

SELTICE WAY PUBLIC ART UPDATE:

Mr. Tymesen said that the art has been permitted and infrastructure will not be a problem. The artist has been very responsive.

VIKING SHIP BIKE RACK UPDATE:

Chairman Drake provided a progress photo of the bike rack and said that the forms are taking shape and the artist has stated that everything is moving along according to schedule. The bike rack should be in by this summer.

STORM DRAIN ART UPDATE:

Ms. Ferguson said that the storm drain call to artists has been sent out and the deadline for submissions is in May. Commissioner Shute said that she will be putting an announcement in the Arts & Culture Alliance’s Art Blast newsletter.

ARTCURRENTS UPDATE:

Commissioner Runge said that she and Commissioner Shute met this afternoon to review the call to artist information and set some new dates. She is anticipating that the call will go out on May 17th, with the artist deadline being June 28th. Commissioner Runge will follow up with Teresa McHugh regarding the extension of the Snow Ghost I piece. Ms. Ferguson noted that she has heard from everyone else who received an extension letter and they are willing to extend.

CHIEF MORRIS ANTELOPE RELOCATION UPDATE:

Commissioner Bruning said that the foundation was poured last week. The Streets crew has been working on the crosswalk on 4th Street and as soon as they finish that project they will be able to resume work on moving the art piece. The project has been engineered and they will have to bore some holes and cut through the concrete to remove the statue, which will then be moved with a front loader. Ms. Metcalf, the artist, said that the statue weights about 850 pounds. Commissioner Bruning said that they want to get the right alignment before they bore the holes and noted that the Chief will continue to look upriver, toward Mica Peak, and will still be facing the water. He commented that the location will be much more visible and the statue will still be visible from the water. Hopefully by the next meeting they will have the move completed.

POTENTIAL PUBLIC ART DONATIONS – SGRECCI & RICKERT

Mr. Tymesen said that they were contacted by a Mr. Burton, who has mobiles created by late artist, Patti Sgrecci, that he would like to donate to the library. The donor is working with the library director on potential locations, and local artist Donna Bain is also involved. Troy

commented that as they get a better idea of the size and location and if the library is comfortable with it, they will bring a formal donation request back to the commission for their approval.

Mr. George Rickert of Sandpoint, who is turning 70 this year, has also offered to donate some of the sculptures that he has collected over the years to local venues. He would also like to donate for placement at the library. Mr. Tymesen will bring forward additional information as it becomes available.

MAYOR WIDMYER'S SUGGESTION RE: TERRY LEE SERIES

Ms. Ferguson said that the Mayor asked her to bring forward a suggestion in regard to the Terry Lee series. The mayor had noticed that there is a large blank panel behind the American Worker statue, and that it would be a great opportunity, once the series is completed, to use that space to explain the series and artist who created the sculptures. Commissioner Moss asked if the series has a title and Commissioner Drake said she does not think so at this time. She asked Ms. Ferguson to thank the mayor for his suggestion and noted that the commission thinks it is a great idea and they will work with the artist as the series moves further along.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor's Awards in the Arts: Commissioner Shute said that the date for the Mayor's Awards in the Arts has been finalized for Wednesday, October 9th, at the Hagadone Event Center. She also noted that the nomination packets are ready to go out to the teachers for the Student Excellence in the Arts award. She also suggested that Ms. Ferguson go ahead and send out the rest of the nomination packets at the same time, and Commissioner Shute will also put information in the next Art Blast newsletter. She noted that a little more time might generate more enthusiasm and response. Discussion ensued about diversifying and broadening the category for students, to include college students. The commission agreed to include NIC students. Ms. Ferguson will revise the nomination packet and send it out to the subcommittee for review and approval.

Commissioner Shute asked about the awards and said that they have been very happy with the artist who has created the awards the last two years and asked if the commission would like them to continue with that artist, or if they should choose a different artist. It was agreed to place it on next month's agenda for further discussion. Commissioner Shute will provide photos of the awards from the last two years.

Utility Box Beautification Project: Commissioner Kahler said that he is in the process of mapping things out and asked if he could get a list of current wrapped utility box locations. Ms. Ferguson will compile the list and provide it to Commissioner Kahler and Commissioner Moss.

ArtCurrents: Commissioner Runge said that she and Commissioner Shute talked and thought that it would be nice when they update the ArtCurrents brochures to promote them a little more as pieces that are for sale. Commissioner Shute said that she would like to make it more of a marketing piece than it is currently, i.e., actively promoting that the pieces are for sale, and providing more information about the artist.

Arts Commission Applicant Review: Chairman Drake said that she and Councilmember Evans conducted two interviews last Friday and noted that both interviewees were excellent and very strong candidates. The subcommittee recommended the appointment of Mag Behrman and Mary Lee Ryba to the commission.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Runge, to recommended the appointment of Mag Behrman and Mary Lee Ryba to the Coeur d’Alene Arts Commission. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding the student representative and whether they can be reappointed. It was confirmed that if they are not a senior, they can be reappointed. Chairman Drake commented that it might be fun for the student representative to sit in on the storm drain selection committee.

Ped/Bike “Art in Motion Brochure: Commissioner Shute said that she and Commissioner Moss will go out and walk the route. Commissioner Moss said that she received an email from Kim Golden, a member of the Ped/Bike Committee who had worked with her on the project previously, and he indicated that the Ped/Bike Committee would like to formally transition the project to the Arts Commission. He also said that the committee would appreciate being acknowledged as a partner on the brochure. He also noted that the Ped/Bike Committee is encouraging their members to go out and attend other city committee meetings and he would be interested in occasionally attending the Arts Commission meetings. He has also volunteered to help walk the “Art in Motion” route with the subcommittee members.

Mural Projects: Chairman Drake suggested that the subcommittee should get together prior to the next meeting and set up a preliminary time line for the call to go out. It was agreed that they will try to get the call going before the ArtCurrents project. She will also ask the student representative if she wants to be on the subcommittee. Ms. Ferguson will send the call that was used on previous mural projects to the subcommittee.

Ms. Ferguson was instructed to remove “Art on the Islands” from the subcommittee list, and also to remove Deanna Goodlander as the chair of the Library Bike Racks subcommittee. Commissioner Shute said that she will talk to Ken Roberge.

Public Art Plaques: Commissioner Shute said that the new plaques have been installed in McEuen and she is looking forward to seeing them when she and Commissioner Moss do their walk around. They are going to start inventorying those art pieces that do not have identifying markers.

City Hall Entry Public Art: Mr. Kahler said that he is almost done with the survey, which is doing through Google, and he will send it to Amy to forward to the City Hall staff. He noted that the questions are trying to determine if the people in the building even want something there, and what their concerns would be

4-Corners Entrance: Chairman Drake said that this call would probably be scheduled to go out mid to late summer.

Commissioner Moss asked about the upcoming Worker's Memorial dedication. Mr. Tymesen said that it is a piece of property that they are going to dedicate to persons killed while working in public works, or other types of fields in Idaho. He confirmed that there is no artwork involved, and noted that memorial has been many years in the works.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Commissioner Bruning, seconded by Commissioner Shute, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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