

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
May 23, 2017

Attendees: Jennifer Drake, Tina Johnson, John Bruning, ~~Deanna Goodlander~~, Trudy Elliott, Christina Hull, ~~David Groth~~, Mark Johnstone, Amy Evans, ~~Sam Taylor~~, Roberta Larsen, Hannah Daniels, Ali Shute, Amy Ferguson, Kristen Lahner, Greg Lewis

Guests: Jason Sanchez

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were none.

ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRMAN: Chairman Drake said that the bylaws of the commission state that a new chairman and vice chairman be elected every two years, but it has not been regularly enforced. After discussion, Jennifer Drake was nominated to continue her service as Chairman, and Roberta Larsen was nominated to continue her service as Vice Chairman. Ballots were submitted and the vote was unanimous for Jennifer Drake as Chairman, and Robert Larsen as Vice Chairman.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: MOTION by Commissioner Hull, seconded by Commissioner Shute, to amend the agenda to include a discussion on the relocation of the “Forks” bike rack. Motion carried. The added agenda item was then brought forward for discussion.

“FORKS” RELOCATION: Chairman Drake explained that a complaint had been received from the tattoo studio that the “Forks” are too big. She will ask Mr. Taylor to follow up with them to make sure that they still have a complaint, and also explained that they thought about swapping out the “Forks” with the “Big Bike Chain” since it is smaller, but if they do that they will be out of compliance with ADA. There was also a suggestion that the “Forks” be moved down to McEuen by the concessions hut where they might be a good fit.

Councilmember Evans asked what level of responsibility the commission had to be responsive to the complaint. Chairman Drake said that Mr. Taylor told her that they usually talk to the businesses that will be impacted. Mr. Sanchez, the “Forks” artist, commented that he was present when the “Forks” were installed and that the gentleman who owns the tattoo parlor showed up and said they were “cool.” Chairman Drake commented that apparently that gentleman wasn’t the owner, but just someone who works for him. She said that she doesn’t want to have a knee-jerk reaction to the complaint since it has already been moved once.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to keep the “Forks” bike rack in its current location.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Shute said that she thinks it might be worthwhile to talk to the actual owner of the building to get their buy in.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to approve the April 11, 2017 minutes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: MOTION by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Shute, to approve the April, 2017 financial statement. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Johnstone commented that Public Art Master plan was enacted in 2006, which means it was probably written in 2005. He noted that, generally, master plans are reviewed every 10 years and he thinks it is time to have the master plan reviewed by a consultant that has familiarity with Idaho laws and arts commission activities. Chairman Drake directed that it be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Commissioner Johnstone said that one of the challenges in regard to the Arts Commission is that the responsibilities of liaison to the commission have been handed off several times during the last few years, and he would like to see a portion of some staff member's time be designated towards working with the Arts Commission. Councilmember Evans commented that liaison to the Arts Commission is actually in the Deputy City Administrator's job description.

STAFF COMMENTS:

There were none.

PUBLIC ART CONFERENCE:

Commissioner Johnstone said that the Northwest Public Art Conference in Olympia is coming up October 12 – 14. The organizers are lobbying that the City of Coeur d'Alene host the conference in 2018. He noted that Shana Stuhlmiller, Hilary Anderson, and Sean Holm went to the conference in Boise a couple of years ago and thought that Mr. Taylor should attend the conference this year but it might conflict with the Mayor's Awards in the Arts. Commissioner Johnstone said that he would volunteer to attend but he has been to about a dozen conferences over the years and thinks it would be more valuable for staff or other commission members to go. The registration fee is \$50.00. The reception is on Thursday night but the primary activities happen all day on Friday, with a tour of the area art on Saturday morning.

Chairman Drake said that she would love to try to attend a conference and that the Mayor's Awards in the Arts has been confirmed for Wednesday, October 11th, so she will look into it. Commissioner Johnstone said that his Boise contact said they started planning the conference a year in advance so if the City is going to host the conference in 2018, now is the time to lock it in. There would be approximately 35 to 60 people in attendance and the conference pulls in people from Washington, Oregon and Idaho, with representatives from cities of all sizes.

Commissioner Johnstone said that he also had a request for a dance company that splits time between L.A. and Portland to do a dance in October. The dance that is performed is site-specific and would be related to Coeur d'Alene history.

Commissioner Drake said that she thinks the public art conference is something that the commission should continue to discuss. The commission was open to it in the past but felt they couldn't do it.

PRAIRIE TRAIL MURAL UPDATE: No update due to Mr. Taylor's absence.

Commissioner Hull said that the artists just finished a big commission and hopefully the mural will be their next priority.

CITY HALL "HONOR" WALL: Jason Sanchez said that he was talking to Mr. Taylor about the City hall remodel and the photographs of the current and past mayors that are displayed on a wall in the foyer area. He noted that with the remodel of City Hall it would be a perfect opportunity to honor the 31 past mayors and redo the "Honor" wall. Portraiture by artists was his initial thought, and the opportunity of blowing up the images and giving some significance to them. Mr. Sanchez commented that it would also be good for public relations.

Chairman Drake commented that she thinks it is an intriguing concept and would love to see the Arts Commission put something into the renovation of City Hall. Mr. Sanchez suggested pencil portraits in black and white, and maybe from a certain timeline the portraits could be changed to color. He also commented that there is an opportunity for a historic mural, or a timeline mural that fades from historical Coeur d'Alene to the present. Chairman Drake said that if the commission wants new art to be created, it would have to go through the Call to Artists process, but if they were interested in sponsoring an upgrade of the photos, she doesn't think that it would have to go through a call because they are just adding value to what is there and not asking for new art. Commissioner Johnstone said that the master plan could be rewritten to give the commission the ability to do direct commissions. Chairman Drake said that she is not sure that everyone would be on board with that. She further commented that honoring the City's past and heritage is good and they would need to meet with City staff and get specifics and questions answered, which could probably be done before the next meeting. Chairman Drake said that she will be in touch with Mr. Taylor on the process since the commission members felt it was a good idea.

EMERGE CONTRACT:

Chairman Drake said that there have been some bumps in the road in that the Emerge contract technically ended in March. The Legal Department has allowed them to extend the contract through April, but now they need to approve a separate contract that will go through the end of this fiscal year. Once the fiscal year ends, Emerge will be lumped into the group of entities that would need to put in a request for funds from the Arts Commission.

Commissioner Larsen asked how Emerge is reporting what they are doing. Chairman Drake said that whenever they come up with new programs or schedules they notify the schools, Children's Village, etc. to give them the heads up, and then go city-wide with the publicity. Chairman Drake said that she thinks Emerge is doing great in that they have great response to the classes,

especially the ones that the Arts Commission has sponsored. Commissioner Hull commented that Emerge is doing everything that they have set out to do and everything has been a success. The receipts are sent to Mr. Taylor and Emerge is pretty transparent in what they do.

MOTION by Commissioner Hull, seconded by Commissioner Lahner, to approve the contract extension with Emerge through the end of the fiscal year. Motion carried.

ART ON THE ISLANDS: Commissioner Hull asked what is the next step in regard to the Art on the Islands project. Chairman Drake said that she will add it to the next meeting's agenda for a decision on the creation of a new subcommittee.

GRANTS: Councilmember Evans asked about the grant process for the new fiscal year. Chairman Drake said that they added a section to the arts ordinance for community entities who want to request money from the Arts Commission and an RFP process. They have not determined the requirements yet, but will need to do it soon.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor's Awards in the Arts

Commissioner Elliott said that Wednesday, October 11th, has been confirmed for the Mayor's Awards in the Arts, at the Hagadone Event Center. Thursday, the 12th, was already taken. She will be meeting with the Coeur d'Alene Resort in about a week and a half. The subcommittee met prior to the meeting today and Chairman Drake has already talked with an artist about creating the awards, which will include plaques. Commissioner Lahner has great ideas for decorating. Ms. Ferguson has sent out the teacher's nomination packets for the student awards.

Commissioner Hull suggested that a table should be reserved for the mayor and his wife. Chairman Drake said that each of the commissioners is required to nominate at least one person. Ms. Ferguson will send the commissioners the list of prior winners and the nomination packet.

7TH & SHERMAN UTILITY BOX: It was noted that art on the utility box at 7th & Sherman had been changed. Chairman Drake said that she will check on it.

ArtCurrents

Commissioner Johnstone said that the subcommittee has not met yet but he will set up a meeting today. He would like to review the whole CaFÉ process and would suggest that the call be limited to a more localized area this time around, and that the number of pieces that are picked be limited as opposed to the 10 or 12 pieces as has been done in the past. In addition, he said that he would hope that the commission would consider kicking off the Art on the Islands program as an alternative because Mr. Roberge has a number of local artists already lined up and eager to participate. Commissioner Johnstone said that he thinks the pieces are likely to be bigger, better, and more germane. He commented that he does not think that the ArtCurrents program can be expanded due to the timeline.

Chairman Drake asked the subcommittee to get together as the call needs to go out as soon as it can be done. She noted that there are a lot of people working hard, but if the commissioners

have a project that needs to be worked on, they need to take it on themselves to get the work done. She asked the subcommittees to please pay attention to the timelines and the fiscal year. She noted that the commission is doing the community a disservice if they don't stay on top of these tasks.

Riverstone Public Art

Commissioner Larsen asked about electricity for the site. Chairman Drake suggested that she talk to Mr. Taylor. Commissioner Larsen said that she will make another call to the artist to check in.

Four Corners Roundabouts

Chairman Drake said that the call has been prepared and they are waiting on a photo and some specs to include with the call. As soon as those are received, the call will be ready to send out. The timeline was abbreviated so that the finalists would be chosen before the end of the fiscal year.

Applicant Review: Chairman Drake said that she has not heard from Commissioner Groth and at this time there are no vacancies on the commission.

Performing Arts:

No update.

Community Arts

Chairman Drake said that she received an email from the "Out of the Shadows" theatre regarding funding, and noted that the new ordinance says that people have to go through the RFP process. Chairman Drake will talk to Mr. Taylor about it and said that in this one case they might be able to grandfather them in.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Larsen, that the Arts Commission provide funds to the "Out of the Shadows" theatre in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 upon the approval of the Deputy City Administrator. There was no second.

Motion by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Hull, that the Arts Commission provide funds to the "Out of the Shadow" theatre in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 upon the approval of the Deputy City Administrator. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hull asked if the theatre would be required to indicate that the event was sponsored by the Arts Commission, and Chairman Drake said that they would. She also confirmed that the money provided to the "Out of the Shadow" theatre would not come out of the \$20,000 that was set aside for the grant program. She suggested that the grants subcommittee get together and talking about putting together a framework for the grant process and RFP. Ms. Ferguson will provide the subcommittee with sample documents from the former Coeur d'Art Grant program.

Mill River Public Art: No update.

Public Archives: Commissioner Johnstone said that he needs to meet with Mr. Taylor to discuss what has been done already and what kind of information is required and how we are going to proceed. Ms. Ferguson mentioned that she has not received any communication from the entity in quite some time.

Ped/Bike Brochure for Art: Commissioner Larsen said that she received the check from the commission for the Ped/Bike Brochure and will be returning some of the money.

Mural Projects: Commissioner Hull will reach out to the artists. Chairman Drake will talk to Mr. Taylor about the murals on the ignite property and suggested that the commission might be able to pursue the graffiti walls somewhere else.

Library Bike Racks: Chairman Drake said that the call needs to be written as soon as possible so she will talk to the Library Director, Ms. Ammon to see if they can get the call out. Commissioner Bruning said that he will talk to Monte McCully about the specs and Chairman Drake will start writing the call.

Chief Morris Antelope – Landscape: Commissioner Bruning said that money for the landscaping is budgeted for next year and he will talk to Bill Greenwood regarding ideas. Commissioner Johnson said that she thinks someone else should do the landscaping and that if the commission can't spend money for performing arts, why are they spending money for landscaping. Chairman Drake commented that it is a safety issue.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Hull, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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