

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
January 26, 2021
City Hall, Conference Room #6

Attendees in Person: Chairman Jennifer Drake, Executive Assistant Sherrie Badertscher, Accountant Stephanie Padilla, Commissioner John Bruning

Commissioner Attendees via ZOOM: Ali Shute, Teresa Runge, Lindsey Sichelstiel, Sienna Hepworth, David Groth, Zoey Hart, Bev Moss, Priscilla Bell, Mary Lee Ryba, and Council Liaison Amy Evans.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to approve the November 24, 2020 minutes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT:

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Groth, seconded by Commissioner Runge, to approve the December, 2020 Financial Report. **Motion carried.**

COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS: There were none.

UPDATE ON 4 CORNERS PUBLIC ART PROJECT:

Commissioner Bruning stated the next step will be the subcommittee interviewing the artists. Once the subcommittee completes the interviews, they will make a recommendation to the Commission.

4-CORNERS PUBLIC ART ONLINE SURVEY:

Commissioner Bruning explained the survey has ended and the top three (3) finalist will be interviewed by the subcommittee. The top survey results were: We Have a Dream (31%), The Monument of Peace and Unity (29%), and Connected (19%). Ms. Badertscher will be working with Commissioner Bruning on the dates and times of the interviews.

PERFORMING ART GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE:

Ms. Badertscher stated that they have received the required documents from two (2) of the four (4) organizations, and they are waiting for the other two to submit. Chairman Drake mentioned that the grantees have up to 36 months to request the funds so they still have plenty of time to submit their documents. Ms. Badertscher mentioned the year-end annual reports are now due.

THIRD (FOURTH) STREET GARAGE PUBLIC ART UPDATE:

Chairman Drake stated the call is live and will close in about a month. Ms. Badertscher mentioned there were 16 applications so far, three of which are not complete. Chairman Drake stated most submissions happen in the last week of the call and she felt 16 applications so far was an excellent start. She will be putting together a subcommittee to review the submittals and asked if any Commissioners would like to be added, noting that it would be helpful to have someone from Fort Grounds and NIC on the committee. She currently has Commissioners Shute, Sichelstiel, and Ryba on the sub-committee. Ms. Badertscher stated there have been a few email inquiries regarding the size requirements of the project. Chairman Drake stated the size was measured some time ago and she believes the dimensions were updated on the call.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:

Mayor's Awards in the Arts:

Chairman Drake stated she is hopeful the celebration event will take place this year, as it is still nine months away. She mentioned the event may look differently than previous years' due to the social distancing requirements that may still be in effect. Commissioner Shute mentioned this year marks the 25th Anniversary so it will be a special one. She is excited and hoping to get the word out earlier this year.

Utility Box Beautification:

Ms. Badertscher mentioned this project will resume in spring.

ArtCurrents:

Commissioner Runge stated she currently has two (2) subcommittee members. She will be putting out a call in the near future for replacing all 12 art pieces. She requested the Commissioners send her an email if they would like to see any of the pieces stay in place. They will be discussing the replacements in more detail next month.

Public Art Plaques:

Commissioner Shute stated they will revisit this item when the weather is nicer.

Mural Festival:

Chairman Drake stated the mural festival is currently on hold.

OTHER UPDATES:

Commissioner Shute mentioned the idea of covering the stage at Riverstone with a sail cloth. The project was presented to ignite cda for possible funding. She said there may be an opportunity for public art displays to be added under the shaded area in the future.

Chairman Drake stated the Sorenson Magnate School is currently working with two (2) local artists Jill McFarland and Melissa Cole, on a large mosaic mural. She inquired if the Commission would be willing to offer support of the project. She noted it wouldn't be funding support as they have been fundraising. She thought it would be more of a collaborative project as she was anticipating sharing the media, and possibly posting on the City's website. Councilmember Evans mentioned it would be wonderful to support the local artists as the

Commission has worked with them in the past and they are great people. Chairman Drake stated to keep this fun project in mind, as it will most likely happen in April or May, and she will be sharing additional details in the near future. Councilmember Evans inquired where the mural will be located, with Chairman Drake explaining she believes it will be the large external wall on the north side of the campus.

MOTION by Commissioner Bruning, seconded by Commissioner Shute, to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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