

**ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
JULY 15, 2015
Old Council Chambers, City Hall**

Attendees: Jennifer Drake, Trudy Elliott, Roberta Larsen, Tina Johnson, John Bruning, Jared Helm, Christina Hull, Sean Holm (Arts Commission Liaison), Shana Stuhlmiller (Staff Support)

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were no conflicts of interest declared.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: There were no agenda amendments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 17, 2015

MOTION by Larsen, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:

MOTION by Helm, seconded by Bruning, for the approval of the Financial Statement for June 2015. Motion carried.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Larsen questioned why the Freedom Tree appeared at McEuen Park and did not go through the Arts Commission first for approval. Mr. Holm explained that the Parks Department acquired the Freedom Tree through a private donation.

Mr. Holm announced that Yvonne Benzinger is scheduled to do a presentation next month on the Summer Arts Program. He explained that staff is going to present Ms. Benzinger with a plaque for her 16 years of service and asked if the commission would like to present the plaque at the Mayor's Awards in October, or present it to her at next month's Arts Commission meeting. The commission decided to give the plaque to Ms. Benzinger at next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

FIDDLER CRAB – HOLM

Mr. Holm explained that at last month's meeting staff brought up the question of whether the Arts Commission was interested in purchasing the Fiddler Crab. After that meeting, staff contacted the artist and explained that the city might be interested in purchasing the crab and, if they did, would he be able to reduce the price. After that conversation, the artist reduced the price of the crab from \$11,400 to \$8,850. Chairman Drake suggested moving the crab from its

current location and relocating it to Riverstone. If it were moved to Riverstone, the commission would then would be able to use the LCDC fund to purchase the crab.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Helm, to authorize the purchase of the Fiddler Crab for \$8,850. Motion approved.

FILLING COMMISSION VACANCY – DRAKE

Chairman Drake announced that Nancy White has resigned from the commission, leaving another vacancy. Staff suggested that the Arts Commission might want to consider someone from LCDC and suggested that if one of the LCDC board members is not interested, then possibly the LCDC board could recommend someone.

ART CURRENTS – HOLM

Mr. Holm announced that the call for Art Currents has closed and that staff reviewed 50 submissions with only half of them being qualified for consideration by the selection committee. He explained the next step is to put together a panel to select the art to fill the 16 available spaces.

MILL RIVER UPDATE – HULL

Commissioner Hull stated that she met with representatives of the Mill River Homeowners Association to ask what type of art they would like to have in their area. They expressed that they would like a piece of art placed next to the water and suggested two pieces of land for consideration -- one owned by the city and the other by LCDC. Commissioner Hull said that she asked the association members what area of the subdivision they would like to have art place first, and suggested that they would want to start at the subdivision entrance. Mr. Holm suggested that before any art is placed, they need to find out what land is owned by the city.

ROUND-ABOUT OFF ATLAS AND PRAIRIE IN FRONT OF THE LANDINGS SUBDIVISION – HULL

Commissioner Hull commented that she has had people ask her if it is possible to put some type of public art in the center of the round-about at Atlas and Prairie Avenue. She stated that, as an example, they would like something like the umbrellas that are placed in the round-about at Kathleen and 4th Street. Commissioner Hull inquired about the steps needed for this project to be considered. Chairman Drake explained the process on how a subcommittee is selected and suggested since we don't have the funds this year for new projects, that this item be brought forward next year for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS:

MAYOR'S AWARDS IN THE ARTS – HELM

Commissioner Helm announced that he spoke with Debora Seaver and confirmed that she will be making all four of the awards. The total for the four awards will be \$600. He explained that the timeline to open and review the nominations will be on Monday, August 3rd and inquired if that would work with staff. He also provided a timeline for the Mayor's Art Awards for the commission to review.

RAINBOW ARCH BIDS – DODGE

Mr. Holm said that he met with Commissioner Dodge and a representative from Phillips Lighting and CartWrappers at the Rainbow Bridge to discuss a way to improve the lighting on the bridge. Commissioner Hull questioned if we are looking to replace the entire lighting on the bridge. Mr. Holm explained that the existing lights will stay and what was discussed is to place larger tubing around the existing wire to hopefully illuminate a brighter light than what is existing. He explained that CartWrappers will be getting him a bid for the cost of the tubing. Mr. Holm also said that CartWrappers would be able to wrap the base to look like a patina and include a bid for the painting with the cost of the lighting.

RIVERSTONE ART – LARSEN

Commissioner Larsen commented that she will continue to meet with Mr. Stone regarding the placement of art at Riverstone. Staff suggested getting a map from Mr. Stone showing the land that the city owns.

JOINT WORKSHOP WITH PARKS AND REC COMMISSION TOPICS – DRAKE

Staff is still working on a date that will work for both groups.

FACEBOOK UPDATES – HULL

Commissioner Hull met with Keith Erickson, Communications Coordinator for the city, to explain that she is now the contact person who will be submitting items from the Arts Commission to post on the web.

Commissioner Helm requested if Commissioner Hull could set up a "closed group" (on Facebook?) for the Arts Commission members to use.

ARTS COMMISSION NEW LOGO UPDATE – HULL

Commissioner Hull passed out a copy of different samples of the Arts Commission logo and suggested that the commission pick their favorites for discussion at next month's meeting.

PUBLIC ART DONATIONS & PROCEDURE – HOLM

Mr. Holm explained the Arts Commission donation procedure and said that recently we have received a couple of donation requests. He suggested that the commission read though the policy and if they have any questions to please let him know.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Bruning, seconded by Helm to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.