

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
July 24, 2018

Attendees: Jennifer Drake, Trudy Elliot, John Bruning, Ali Shute, Troy Tymesen, Teresa Runge, Amy Evans, Amy Ferguson, Roberta Larson, Sydney Morrison, David Groth, Tina Johnson, Ashley McCormack

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Steve and Dana Wetzel presented information about a potential sculpture donation. The art piece, by local artist Dale Young, depicts a meditative Mayan lady, and includes a bench. They noted that they met with Bette Ammon, Library Director, and found a location next to the library in the landscaping near a video camera to protect from vandalism. Mr. Wetzel noted that they no longer have a place for the statue as they are currently living in a condominium. It was agreed that the Wetzel's should fill out a donation form which could be reviewed for action to be taken at the next meeting.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Larsen, to approve the Minutes of June 26, 2018. Motion carried.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Tymesen said that the council would be reviewing the budget at a workshop coming up on Tuesday and he doesn't anticipate any major challenges to the commission's budget.
Motion by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Shute, to approve the June, 2018 Financial Report. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner McCormack asked about a donation policy and noted that it would be helpful to review it prior to accepting a gift. Ms. Ferguson will forward a copy of the donation policy to Commissioner McCormack. Ms. McCormack will also work on a "conflict of interest" description for review by the commissioners.

STAFF COMMENTS: There were none.

TERM EXPIRATIONS: GROTH

Commissioner Groth apologized to the commissioners for his lack of participation lately and noted that he would like another opportunity to contribute to the Arts Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Runge, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to recommend the reappointment of David Groth to the Arts Commission. Motion carried.

“INSPIRED” and RIVERSTONE PUBLIC ART UPDATES:

Mr. Tymesen commented that he is working with Mr. Sanchez to place the “Inspired” piece on the prepared concrete pad, but the installation date has not been set. He noted that the City has spent significant dollars towards engineering and the concrete pad and he will be bringing forward a proposal to offset those expenditures from the Arts Fund.

In regard to the Riverstone public art, the installation has been pushed back to the first week in August.

“THE VALENTINE” UPDATE:

Mr. Tymesen reviewed the application for donation of “The Valentine” by Dr. David Schreiber. He noted that the statue has been appraised at \$130,000. He further noted that the donation policy does not speak to the art donation having to be an original piece of art. They have a couple of locations in the McEuen trail system where the art piece could be installed and maintenance would be minimal. Once the Arts Commissions approves the donation, Mr. Tymesen would bring it forward to the council for approval.

Mr. Tymesen said that the original donation policy did specify that only original pieces of art could be donated, but the policy was amended a couple of years ago and that requirement was removed. Chairman Drake confirmed that calls for art still require original artwork.

Mr. Tymesen will work with Dr. Schreiber to complete the donation form in full and will attach the appraisal, etc.

There was discussion about how many pieces of the art have been cast and what edition it was. It was determined that there are most likely 21 copies, with most being owned by private parties.

Motion by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Runge, that the Arts Commission recommend the acceptance of “The Valentine” donation. Motion carried.

“MARKER #11” ARTIST INQUIRY:

Chairman Drake referred the commission to an email received from the artist who created the “Marker #11” ArtCurrents piece, John Zylstra. Mr. Zylstra was inquiring as to whether he would be asked to extend the loan of his piece for another year. After discussion, it was agreed to extend the ArtCurrents collection for an additional year. Ms. Ferguson will prepare letters and contracts for the artists, and those who agree to extend will receive the same stipend that those extending received last year. If the artists choose to remove their pieces, Ms. Ferguson will work with the artist and the Streets Department for removal.

Motion by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner McCormack, that the current ArtCurrents collection be extended for an additional year, with the artists receiving the same stipend amount that was offered to the artist for extending last year. Motion carried.

NOWPAC CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Shute said that she would like to attend the NOWPAC Conference and asked if the commission would be willing to pay the \$60.00 registration fee.

Motion by Commissioner Runge, seconded by Commissioner Shute, that the Arts Commission pay the \$60.00 NOWPAC Conference registration fee for up to six (6) members of the commission. Motion carried.

Chairman Drake any commissioners who are interested in attending to let her and Ms. Ferguson know.

COMMISSIONER EXPECTATIONS & STANDARDS:

Commissioner McCormack presented a proposed policy with standards and expectations for Arts Commission members for review and input by the commission. After discussion and suggestions were provided, Commissioner McCormack said that she would incorporate the suggestions into the document and will send out the revisions through Ms. Ferguson via a blind email (to avoid any potential open meeting issues), and will bring the revised policy to the next meeting for review and action by the commission. Chairman Drake commented that she appreciates Commissioner McCormack's work on this project.

"ARTCURRENTS" BROCHURE:

Commissioner Shute presented the costs/pricing for printing the ArtCurrents brochure and there was also discussion about purchasing plastic brochure holders. Ms. Ferguson commented that the commission will need to make sure that the brochures are adequately distributed and restocked. Commissioner Shute said that the ArtCurrents pieces were included in the Art in Motion brochure but the inclusion can be revisited next year when the commission takes over that project.

Motion by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Elliott, to print 2,500 copies of the ArtCurrents brochure at a cost of \$157.00, and to purchase 20-25 plastic brochure holders at a maximum cost of \$5.00/each. Motion carried.

CHIEF MORRIS ANTELOPE RELOCATION:

Commissioner Bruning said that he has not received any response from the Tribe regarding the relocation of the statue. Mr. Tymesen said that he spoke to Tyrel Stevenson, the tribe's Legislative Director, and Mr. Stevenson said that the Tribe would be fine with whatever location was recommended by the commission. Commissioner Bruning said that the site that he preferred was near the tribal information sign on the corner of Rosenberry and W. River, and he would like to see the sign enhanced with information about Chief Morris Antelope.

Motion by Commissioner Bruning, seconded by Commissioner Larsen, to relocate the Chief Morris Antelope statue to the corner of Rosenberry Drive and W. River Drive. Motion carried.

Mr. Tymesen said that he will work with North Idaho College and the Corp of Engineers regarding the relocation of the art piece.

APPROVAL OF SELECTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR LIBRARY BIKE RACK:

Chairman Drake said that she took over management of the call for Commissioner Goodlander. The selection committee met and selected the bike rack titled “The Viking Ship” by artist Tyree Riggs. She also noted that she spoke to the artist and Ms. Riggs said that she will make the rack as big as she can to fill the space and to allow for as many bikes as possible.

Motion by Commissioner Bruning, seconded by Commissioner Runge, to approve the selection committee’s recommendation of “The Viking Ship” by artist Tyree Riggs for the lower-level Library bike rack. Motion carried.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor’s Awards in the Arts: Commissioner Elliott said that she met with Ann Mitchell and she was very excited to help. Ms. Mitchell is going to send out an email to the models and get a commitment from them. In addition, Ms. Mitchell has agreed to use whatever the commission has on hand for decorations for this year’s event, with possibly some small changes. Commissioner Elliott confirmed that Ms. Mitchell is not requesting any money for her services and the commission would still run the program and arrange for the art awards, etc. Ms. Mitchell said that she would be willing to design the program and invitation if the commission wants.

Chairman Drake said that she would still want the subcommittee to oversee things and make sure that they are on track. There was discussion regarding the art awards and it was agreed that Commissioner Elliott will check with the artist who created the awards last year to see if he would be interested in doing them again this year. Chairman Drake reminded the commissioners to submit at least one nomination for the awards.

Commissioner Runge volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Marie Widmyer and Pam Asher will be removed from the subcommittee due to other commitments.

Utility Box Beautification: Ms. Ferguson said that the images have been sent to the cart wrapping company and they were going to prepare them for printing. As soon as they are ready and have scheduled the installs the owner, Mr. Carlino, said that he will let Ms. Ferguson know and she will let the commissioners know in the event that they want to be present for the installs. Ms. Ferguson said that if she doesn’t hear back from Mr. Carlino by the end of the week, she will email him.

Mural Project: Chairman Drake said that the project has been put on the “back burner” for a while. Mr. Tymesen said that the Legal Department is pursuing collection efforts on the first mural project and have filed papers in Washington.

Seltice Way: Ms. Ferguson said that all six finalists have returned the Letters of Agreement and W-9 forms. The proposals are due by Friday, August 17.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Runge, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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