

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
August 22, 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~~, Sydney Morrison

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were none.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

MINUTES: Motion by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Johnstone, to approve the July 25, 2017 Minutes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by Commissioner Lahner, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the July financial report. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

There were none.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Taylor commented that Sean Holm will be assisting with ArtCurrents as Mr. Taylor will be out on paternity leave for three weeks starting September 13.

PRAIRIE TRAIL MURAL UPDATE:

Discussion ensued regarding the failure of the Prairie Trail mural artists to start the project. It was agreed that the legal department will send them a letter by mail and email giving them until September 1st to start the project, and if the project isn't started by September 7th, then the contract will be canceled and they will seek the return of the initial \$6,000 payment for supplies.

Discussion ensued regarding what would happen if the contract was canceled, including going back to the original submissions, or doing a new call. Mr. Taylor said that he doesn't think there is anything that precludes the commission from going back to the selection process that was already completed and choosing a different artist. But there would also be an opportunity to redo the call and possibly tack on one or two new mural locations.

COMMUNITY ARTS SUPPORT PROGRAM UPDATE:

Mr. Taylor said that the call went out and they have received several submissions so far, with more continuing to come in. He noted that a lot of individuals are seeking support for their

independent projects and their challenge will be to explain how their project benefits the community. It will be an interesting process.

A commission member asked if anyone has seen this process in other arts commissions. Mr. Taylor said that the Washington State Arts Commission has wonderful grant programs that he applied for as a city entity when he was with the City of Ferndale. He thinks that Coeur d'Alene's program is pretty similar, and noted that the public art inventory that the Arts Commission has created has created the "story of Coeur d'Alene" and is part of our brand. It will be interesting to see how this new support of different types of art plays a role.

A commission member asked if there was a way for the entire commission to see who has applied for what. Mr. Taylor explained that the IT division set up an online application process, and at the end of the process they will grab the information and see if they can post it somewhere so that folks can look at it. He noted that there will be a selection committee.

Chairman Drake asked if the subcommittee has started putting together the selection committee yet. Commissioner Lahner said they have not yet. Mr. Taylor clarified that the funds would be disbursed after October 1st and that there is \$32,000 available for community art funding. Chairman Drake volunteered to help the subcommittee if needed.

CITY HALL PUBLIC ART UPDATE:

Chairman Drake said that she will be meeting with Renata McLeod to discuss the possibility of art at City Hall, and asked for the commission's feeling regarding what direction they want to go. A commission member suggested that they start with the photos and then ascertain what kind of art would enhance those photos. Chairman Drake suggested an art project that would be separate from the photo enhancement idea. A commission member suggested creating a subcommittee that would identify public art locations in City Hall. Mr. Taylor said that new logos and signs will be created for City Hall and that all public entry will be through the lower portion of the building. The upper portion will have an emergency exit and it will become a dead space that they could potentially reactivate in some way with public art.

Chairman Drake will talk to Ms. McLeod about possible locations for public art. After the meeting with Ms. McLeod, she will create a subcommittee.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:

Mayor's Awards in the Arts: Chairman Drake displayed one of the almost-finished awards, created by Zack Ashenbrenner. Each of the awards will be different and there will be a space for a plaque. It was confirmed that the awards would be \$200 each, including the plaque.

Chairman Drake asked Mr. Taylor when the artist gets paid. Mr. Taylor said that he has never been involved in the payment, but typically it is nice to make sure that they have the pieces in-hand before the artist gets paid. He would not have a problem with half payment now and half payment when the pieces are finished.

There is a meeting of the subcommittee on Thursday and they will be discussing décor, etc.

ArtCurrents: Mr. Taylor said they are prepping to get their ducks in a row while he is on paternity leave and Sean Holm will be stepping up to the plate to assist. They met today to go through the pieces and the locations that would work. There were quite a few taller pieces that will probably be installed in Riverstone. There is also a space in Riverstone that would work for “Engage” and they are excited to make it work there. Mr. Taylor said that he has contacted the artist to see how he would secure the piece. Today they mapped out all of the potential locations and he will share the link with Commissioner Johnstone and Mr. Holm and will schedule Allied Weldery for September 29 to remove the three pieces that will be going away, and then on October 2 and 3 Allied Weldery will work on installing the new pieces. They will be contacting the artists for delivery schedules and to determine if the art work will be delivered in person or shipped. Mr. Taylor will also be meeting with Nicole at Riverstone to show her the spots that they think may work. He will also be meeting with Parks on Thursday. Mr. Taylor confirmed that there are no pieces going in on Main Street in Riverstone and that the plan was always that they would go in the park. Half of the locations that had been previously planned around the pond no longer exist. On Thursday he will walk with the Parks Director and Superintendent regarding all the spots they are thinking could work. Some of them potential locations are pretty close to the pond so they want to make sure they are comfortable. If not, they may go to Main Street. It all depends on which portions of Main Street are public property. Chairman Drake said that it would be great to get some photos taken of the installation. Mr. Taylor said that he would keep her advised.

Twin Towers: Mr. Taylor said that the statue should be installed tomorrow at fire Station 4. The dedication will be held in conjunction with the Fire Station Open House on September 9th. Ms. Ferguson will be working on the planning for the dedication.

Riverstone: Commissioner Larsen said that she has spoken to the artist and he sent some pictures. The artist has not requested the second payment, so she will contact him, but he does assure her that it is going to be ready in October.

Four Corners: Chairman Drake said that the selection committee met and they narrowed the selection down to three finalists who are all working on their maquettes. The maquettes will be on display for two weeks in September. Mr. Taylor said that once the maquettes are ready, they will take photos of each one and post them to social media and send them to the Arts Commission. Chairman Drake said that the selection committee meets again on September 21 to choose the final piece. They will review the public comments and take them into consideration. Mr. Taylor said that, hopefully, in the future the calls to artists can come to staff a little bit faster, because the rest of the process does show down quite a bit. Chairman Drake commented that two of the finalists actually include some internal lighting, which could be interesting.

Library Bike Racks: Councilmember Goodlander was not present at the meeting today. Chairman Drake will check in with her regarding the status of the call.

Public Art Conference Exploration Committee: Commissioner Shute said that the Arts & Culture Alliance is interested in helping with the conference but would like to know more about what is expected. She thinks that the Arts & Culture Alliance can help to identify other

organizations that would be willing to help put the conference together. Discussion ensued regarding the Olympia Conference being a bit “organic” in that they have topics for speakers, but no speakers assigned yet. Commissioner Johnstone said that the deadline for the break in motel room costs for the conference is September 5th. He suggested that if the commission is interested in hosting the conference, he would like to let them know, and would also like to “beef up” the subcommittee. He noted that he has a trip scheduled to Colorado in October, but if possible he will attend the conference.

Chairman Drake said that she feels like the conference should be something that the whole Arts Commission works on and commented that it would be nice if it were planned around an Art Walk, because that could be the Friday activity. Mr. Taylor suggested kicking off the event with the Mayor’s Awards on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, in which case the conference could run from Wednesday through Friday. Chairman Drake suggested involving the resort in the process in an effort to lock in next year’s date.

Motion and seconded that the Arts Commission pursue the Northwest Public Arts Conference in October, 2018. Motion carried.

Art on the Islands: Mr. Taylor said that he has not had an opportunity to speak with the Parks Department yet.

Chairman Drake reminded everyone to submit nominations for the Mayor’s Awards in the Arts.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION and seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

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