

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
September 10, 2019

Attendees: Amy Ferguson, John Bruning, Ali Shute, Teresa Runge, Troy Tymesen, David Groth, Sarah Garcia, Mary Lee Ryba, Mag Behrmann, Jennifer Drake, Derek Kahler, ~~Bev Moss~~
~~Amy Evans~~

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Ryba, to approve the minutes of August 27, 2019. Motion carried.**

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

There were none.

STAFF COMMENTS:

There were none.

LIGHTED ART INSTALLATION/EVENT UPDATE:

Commissioner Shute said that she emailed Emily Boyd (Downtown Association) and Adam Graves, asking them what the plan was. She noted that Mr. Grave's response was that he thought they should forge ahead for a bid, etc. for the first piece. Ms. Boyd responded that they will work on getting it into the Downtown Association budget. Commissioner Shute said that, at this point, it is not really an Arts Commission project and that maybe the commission just needs to see what the Downtown Association and Mr. Graves are doing and continue the conversation after they do something.

CITY NAME PHOTO OP SCULPTURE CONTINUED DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Moss was not present. Commissioner Groth said that he was not "wild" about the idea and that the commission would need to think about how to do it in a way that doesn't come across as "cheezy." Commissioner Shute said that she feels that it is not an Arts Commission project but, rather a Downtown Association project or some other entity that wants to promote tourism. The commissioners agreed to shelve the project for now.

PURCHASE OF TERESA MCHUGH'S "SNOW GHOST 1":

Commissioner Runge said that the price for Ms. McHugh's "Snow Ghost 1" piece is \$18,000, minus the city's 25% discount. Commissioner Shute said that she has been communicating with Ms. McHugh, but she was unable to attend the meeting today. Ms. McHugh is in agreement with the purchase price of \$13,500.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Runge, seconded by Commissioner Shute, that the Arts Commission purchase “Snow Ghost 1” for \$13,500, and add it to the city’s permanent public art collection.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Runge said that the piece is very tasteful and representative of our area. She noted that the artist is also a resident and her family has been in the area for a long time. Commissioner Shute commented that she has heard a lot of very positive comments about the piece. Chairman Drake asked about the current location of the statute. Commissioner Shute said that it is in a very nice location, at a crossroads of major paths in Riverstone Park.

Motion carried.

DEDICATION OF CENTENNIAL TRAIL MURAL CONTINUED DISCUSSION:

Mr. Tymesen said that he is not inclined to recognize the Centennial Trail artists as the city spent thousands of dollars and had to obtain a court order for the artists to honor their contract.

MAYOR’S AWARDS IN THE ARTS – REVIEW/VOTE ON NOMINATIONS:

After discussion and review of the nominations, the following were chosen as recipients of the 2019 Mayor’s Awards in the Arts:

Support of the Arts: Deanna Goodlander (Posthumus)
Excellence in the Arts: Callie Cabe
Arts in Education: Joe Jacoby
Student Excellence in the Arts: Alexis Cummins

Commissioner Shute said that she would notify the winners and let Ms. Ferguson know when they have all been notified so that Ms. Ferguson can send out letters to the nominees who weren’t selected, and the nominators.

Mr. Tymesen noted that Jeff Crowe is putting significant effort into the production of the video regarding the Seltice Way Roundabouts. He suggested that commission might want to consider showing the video at the Mayor’s Awards in the Arts.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor’s Awards in the Arts: Commissioner Shute and Commissioner Runge will go through the maquettes and decide what is going into this year’s silent auction.

Utility Box Beautification: Commissioner Kahler said that he and Commissioner Moss have been talking with Debbie Frisbie for assistance with creating a new map. Commissioner Kahler will work on getting a formal quote from companies for the labels. Commissioner Shute will work with Commissioner Kahler on print sources for the labels.

ArtCurrents: Ms. Ferguson said that contracts for the five new pieces have been received, and the artists have been instructed to work with Tim Martin, Streets & Engineering Director, in regard to scheduling and coordinating the installations the first couple weeks of October. In addition, the artists whose pieces will be removed have also been instructed to coordinate with Mr. Martin for de-installation the last two weeks in September. Ms. Ferguson will also be ordering plaques for the new pieces. Commissioner Runge said that she will work with Ms. Ferguson regarding a press release once the new pieces have been installed.

Riverstone: No report. It was agreed that the project is on hold for now.

Ped/Bike Brochure: Commissioner Shute said that they are also working with Debbie Frisbie regarding possibly renumbering the art pieces and it will take a little coordination.

Mural Projects: No update. Commissioner Shute said that she received a call from a reporter from the Inlander who is doing a story on murals in the area. Commissioner Shute said that she pointed out to the report that even though the storm drain art isn't on a wall, it is still a mural. She also sent the reporter photos of the storm drain projects. Chairman Drake asked the commissioners to be sure and share information about the murals and other projects, and how the commissioner does its calls to artists.

Storm Drain Art: Commissioner Groth said that they are in touch with the four schools and are hoping that the last four storm drain projects will be completed before the snow flies.

Public Art Plaques: No Update.

City Hall Entrance: No update. Commissioner Kahler asked for further discussion about the project at the next meeting to determine whether the commission wants to continue pursuing it.

Four-Corners Entrance: No update.

Parking Garage: No update.

Mural Festival: Commissioner Kahler said that he met with Scott Lakey, a local graffiti artist, the other day and they talked for over an hour about the how a mural festival would work in Coeur d'Alene, and the different cities that do it. Mr. Lakey has a network available to get professional artists here so that is where it would utilize his talents. As far as the festival goes, Mr. Lakey thinks that temporary walls would be an issue and might create more garbage, etc. with tons of people in one area. Commissioner Kahler and Mr. Lake think the best way to go about it is to contact individual building owners around the downtown area and see if they want a wall done. They would basically pair an artist with a wall and have everything mapped out, and maybe some food trucks in McEuen. The festival could also be paired with the boat launch mural project and could run for about a week. Mr. Lakey thinks it is a fantastic idea and is on board with wanting to help out with the project. He suggested having some things during the day for younger kids. Chairman Drake said that having Mr. Lakey's connections to get some artists here would be priceless and she loves the idea of making a whole event out of it. Commissioner Kahler said that Mr. Lakey was thinking about contacting a paint company rep and seeing if they

would be willing to sponsor the event. They are hoping to get things ready for an event next summer. Chairman Drake suggested that they try to whittle down a window of when the festival might happen so they can coordinate the seawall mural project timeline.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Commissioner Runge, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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