

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
June 25, 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, ~~Isabelle Bradley~~, Amy Evans

Guests: Ed Bejarana, CDA Symphony

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 Groth, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to approve the minutes of May 28, 2019. Motion carried.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT: The Financial Report was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Ryba, to approve the May, 2019 Financial Report. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:
There were none.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Tymesen commented that the Mudgy & Millie display pages that were purchased by the commission are being installed.

“INSPIRED PUBLIC ART UPDATE:

Mr. Tymesen said that the artist is approaching 12 months past the due date, and the sculpture is not done, so they are continuing to communicate with him and are looking at a letter from the Legal Department to remind him about the contract that he entered into. Mr. Tymesen suggested that the next step would be to schedule an open house for the commissioners at the artist’s studio.

SELTICE WAY PUBLIC ART UPDATE:

Mr. Tymesen commented that the commission chose the right artist for this project, and that the artist was on scene last Wednesday and met with city staff on Thursday. They are having great success with where the sculptures will be located and no problems with the water, electrical, or irrigation system and no concerns. They are working with the artist on the footings and foundation. Chairman Drake commented that this was the first time they have gone through the different call process (Request for Qualifications (RFQ), and it could be coincidental or part of the reason. She explained that normally the commission does a Request for Proposals (RFP), but for this call they did an RFQ where the artist had to prove that they capable, and then when it

came down to the finalists, that is when the artist came up with more specific ideas of what they would do. The decision was based more on their previous history of work and less on their idea. Chairman Drake also noted that the selection committee conducted Skype interviews and it was a much more involved process of looking at the artist and not just the art itself.

Mr. Tymesen commented that the artist knows that if he wants any more art for a municipality or state, the city will be a referral source. The artist is looking to deliver, communicative, and put together a product that will last. Commissioner Groth said that he thought the Skype interview was huge as they were able to see how the artist communicated. Mr. Tymesen said that the artist has been communicative, responsive, and articulate, and drove up from Reno to make the unscheduled trip happen.

Ms. Ferguson said that the anticipated install date is sometime around the 2nd week in July. Mr. Tymesen said that they are working with the city's videographer, who is taking pictures and videos before, during, and after the installation, so that they don't have to have a dedication in the middle of a roundabout.

VIKING SHIP BIKE RACK UPDATE:

Chairman Drake said that she talked to the artist, Tyree Riggs, and she is done with the bike rack and just waiting to coordinate with the Parks Department. Mr. Tymesen confirmed that tape is up at the site, plants have been removed, the forms are in, and they are scheduling a concrete truck to pour the pad. Chairman Drake said that she has asked the artist to text her or let her know when the installation is happening so that they can get photos.

THE IDAHO LUMBERJACK UPDATE:

Ms. Ferguson said that the artist, Terry Lee, encountered a delay due to the last-minute changing of the wording on the plaque by the donor. The artist believes that it will be another month before he can pick up the statue from the foundry. She confirmed that the mayor has requested that the panel on the wrought iron fence behind the statues be used to display information about the series after it is completed.

CENTENNIAL TRAIL MURAL UPDATE:

Mr. Tymesen referred the commission to the photos of the artwork, and noted that he has not received an invoice yet. He also commented that the mural is slightly different from what was proposed. Chairman Drake said that the public won't know the trouble that they went through, and will just see the artwork.

STORM DRAIN ART APPROVAL OF SELECTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Commissioner Groth reviewed the storm drain art that was selected by the selection committee. He noted that the city will take care of the lettering, rather than relying on the artist. They will do the school storm drain project in the fall.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to approve the recommendations of the Storm Drain Art selection committee. Motion carried.

ARTCURRENTS UPDATE:

Ms. Ferguson said that the call has been issued, and the selection committee is scheduled to meet on July 10th. Commissioner Moss asked if the ArtCurrents brochure would be redone. Ms. Ferguson said that she thought that Commissioner Shute would probably be doing the brochure redo.

THIRD STREET BOAT LAUNCH MURAL CALL UPDATE:

Chairman Drake said that the subcommittee got most of the call ready to go, but never had an opportunity to get it issued. She asked the commission if they still wanted to move forward, and noted that she was confident that there were some artists in town that would get on it very quickly.

A potential timeline was discussed. The commission agreed to continue on with issuing the call to artists. Mr. Tymesen asked if the call would include images of previous work. Chairman Drake confirmed that it would and noted that they could do the call more like an RFQ as well, asking for references, previous work, etc., and then using their experience with other murals to guide the process. Chairman Drake said that she will re-look at the call to see if there is anything that is missing. Once she gets the measurements, she will send them to Amy. Ms. Ferguson expressed concerns about the timeline, which would need to include time for the selection committee to meet with recommendations going to the Arts Commission, and then on to Council for approval. It was decided to do a 3-week call, with the arts commission making a decision at their meeting in July. The submission deadline would be July 19, and the selection committee could meet on Monday, the 22nd, prior to the next meeting of the Arts Commission on July 23rd. Chairman Drake said that, worst case scenario, they can put the brakes on the project.

REQUEST FROM JOSHUA MARTEL RE: MURAL FESTIVAL:

The commission reviewed the email from Mr. Martel regarding a mural festival. Commissioner Kahler said that it could be really cool if it is done right.

MOTION by Commissioner Kahler, to put together a subcommittee to find out more information about the proposal and come back to the commission next month for further discussion.

Chairman Drake said that Mr. Martel did the mural on the side of Burt's music, and that he has a website. She noted that she thinks the idea is really fun. Commissioner Moss said that it would also be a neat way to feature the Arts Commission and what they love about Coeur d'Alene. Chairman Drake said that it is performance art.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Moss. Motion carried.

Subcommittee members will be Commissioners Groth, Kahler, Ryba, and Behrmann. The subcommittee will report back to the commission at next month's meeting.

2019/2020 BUDGET CONTINUED DISCUSSION:

Mr. Tymesen said that the council’s budget meeting will be July 10th. The anticipated revenue for public art is about \$40,000. The Mayor’s Arts awards line item received a slight increase, and Mr. Tymesen reviewed the ignite public art fund, including anticipated revenues, existing cash, and fund balances.

Mr. Tymesen suggested raising the budget for art maintenance next year. He noted that Terry Lee was going to train city staff on re-patina-in some bronzes, but Mr. Lee has been busy creating art and has not been available. Mr. Tymesen noted that art funds are dedicated dollars and if the money is not spent, it stays in those funds. He further commented that as one of ignite’s urban renewal districts close, the cash flow will change, but there is another district coming up and growing, so there will be ongoing income.

MOTION by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Groth, that the commission approve the budget as presented. Motion carried.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor’s Awards in the Arts: Chairman Drake said that Commissioner Shute sent an email since she was not available for the meeting, and said that she was working on getting the musician solidified and Anne Mitchell to provide the models. She has already locked down the photographer and is working with Emerge in regard to an art display. Commissioner Runge will be in charge of the silent auction. The nomination forms have gone out and two student nominations have been received so far. Chairman Drake noted that the commission agreed to ask Zak Aschenbrenner to do the awards again this year. Ms. Ferguson confirmed that the date of the event is Wednesday, October 9th.

Utility Box Beautification Project: Mr. Tymesen said that the city received reimbursement for the damaged box on 15th & Sherman, so the funds for rewrapping have been restored to the arts fund.

Public Art Plaques: Commissioner Moss said that some art pieces don’t have plaques, and others have plaques but don’t have the Arts Commission logo on them. She noted that she will be in touch with Commissioner Shute and will put together a list of what needs to be done, with prioritization.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Commissioner Groth, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Ferguson
Executive Assistant