

**ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

JANUARY 27, 2016

Attendees: Jennifer Drake, Roberta Larsen, Tina Johnson, John Bruning, Jared Helm, David Groth, Trudy Elliott, Mark Johnstone, Mike Dodge, Christina Hull, Marina Lundy, Sean Holm, Shana Stuhlmiller

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:

MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Larsen, to approve the December 16, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:

MOTION by Helm, seconded Dodge, to approve the Financial Statement for December 2015. Motion carried.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Johnson inquired if staff has an update on how the work is progressing for Under the Rainbow. Commissioner Dodge stated that the lights will be done tomorrow and that staff is working with CWraps who is waiting for additional materials to wrap the wires.

Commissioner Johnson inquired if we decided on a color to paint the base of the bridge at last month's meeting.

Chairman Drake responded we did not, and if staff knew if CWraps would have any color swatches available to choose a color for the base.

Mr. Holm stated that he will contact CWraps about getting color swatches. He stated that a few months ago, he thought it would be a good idea to contact the artist who did the bridge to let him know that the Arts Commission had requested some changes to be made to the art piece. He explained that when he asked what type of changes the commission wanted, that he was fine with the upgrade to the wires but told me that if the color of the base was to be changed, that he would request to have his name removed from the piece.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Holm announced that new plaques have been ordered for the new pieces of art for Art Currents and will be installed sometime this month. He announced that Steve Anthony, the former Arts Commission Liaison, who recently retired, will be coming back as a consultant to the Arts Commission. Mr. Anthony will be starting in April and taking over the duties for the Planning Department who has been involved with the Arts Commission since the first of last year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Under the Rainbow Donation – Jennifer Drake

Chairman Drake explained that a few months ago, Bob McDonald did a presentation to the Arts Commission for a donated piece of art called “Under the Rainbow”. They requested the piece to be placed at the new dog park in McEuen Park. The commission told Mr. McDonald that they were unsure how to go about accepting the donation and would have to discuss with the Parks Department for clarification on the donation process, before accepting his donation. Last month, the Parks Department met with the Arts Commission regarding the Donation process for accepting donated art and was told that a recommendation would need to come from the Arts Commission and then go to the Parks Department for final approval.

Chairman Drake inquired if the commission had any comments regarding this donation.

Commissioner Hull stated that she likes the piece and would recommend that the commission accept the donation. The question was asked about what the colors will be and that Commissioner Dodge stated that his brother will be doing the piece and will check with him on the selected colors.

The commission made the recommendation to accept this donation and to direct staff to contact the Parks Department to ask them to put this item on their next agenda.

2. Deanna Goodlander, Ignite Cda Representative – Jennifer Drake

Chairman Drake stated that Deanna Goodlander submitted her data sheet to be a representative from Ignite Cda for a seat on the Arts Commission. She commented that she knows Deanna and feels that she would be a great addition to this commission with having been on the Commission years ago as the City Council liaison.

Motion by Larsen, Second by Johnson, for the recommendation to council for the appointment of Deanna Goodlander to the Arts Commission.

2. Project priorities for 2016 – Jennifer Drake

The commission identified and discussed a list of projects to be discussed at the budget meeting in February. The items are:

- **Rainbow Arch Improvements.**
- **Art Currents and Utility Wraps** – Finish the utility boxes started in 2015 and skip a year for both projects.
- **Riverstone** – Entrance to the park that includes a sign.
- **Mural project**- 3 murals proposed for 2016 starting with the Sherman Park Wall.
- **The Four Corners Project.** Get in on the discussion early with the architect to determine the best places to place art within this area.
- **Decide on accepting Emerge partnership or supporting the Coeur d'Alene Symphony.**
- **New project funding for street performers** and where the funding will be coming from for this project.

Commissioner Hull stated that she recently heard from a few people who live in the Landings subdivision who would like art placed in their roundabouts and inquired about the process for making this happen. Chairman Drake explained that because we are limited in the number of projects this year, we will keep this project on the list for the following year.

Commissioner Johnstone volunteered to train people on how to put together a call for a project since he has had previous experience with film production and what it takes for a project to happen.

Commissioner Dodge inquired if staff knew what the start date is for the Four Corners project.

Mr. Holm stated that he heard the start date will be sometime in March.

Commissioner Dodge feels that the commission should be part of the design discussion.

Chairman Drake concurred and inquired if staff could get ahold of the representatives for Welch Comer to see if they could do a presentation at the Arts Commission meeting next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Emerge update – Jennifer Drake

Chairman Drake explained that a contract was presented to Emerge for review, but was put on hold because of a conflict between administration and staff regarding where the funds would be coming from to support the project. She stated that a week ago, she had a meeting with staff who explained that the problem came from using Ignite funds and that they don't have a problem with the program - but the way it will be funded, and requested that before this moves forward to find another way to make it happen. Staff suggested that we would have to look at the 33% fund to see if there is enough money to be able to fund it this year, but a problem would be how to fund this program in future years. She stated that staff is confident that we will have enough funding this year by using the 33% fund and will require prior approval from Mayor Widmyer.

Commissioner Helm explained that when he and Commissioner Hull met with Jeni to go over the contract, she stated concerns that people would only be interested in taking the free classes and not signing up for other classes that they offer.

Commissioner Hull offered to set up a meeting with Jeni to go over what was discussed tonight.

Chairman Drake stated that if there are any updates she will announce those at the next meeting in February.

Mr. Holm inquired if the commission would like to start the call for the Mural Downtown and if they do, he would contact Steve Anthony to contact Pepper Smock and the Downtown Association for their thoughts on this project.

Chairman Drake stated that she is on that committee with Commissioner Hull and feels between the two of them they would be able to work on the call for this project.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Dodge, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.