

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2015, 3:00 PM
Old Council Chambers, City Hall

Attendees: Jennifer Drake, Trudy Elliott, Roberta Larsen, Tina Johnson, Amy Evans, John Bruning, David Groth, Jared Helm, Jane Morgan, Sean Holm (Arts Commission Liaison), Hilary Anderson (Community Planning Director), Shana Stuhlmiller (Staff Support)

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were no conflicts of interest declared.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Commissioner Morgan stated that after she gives an update on the Utility Box project, she would like to update the commission on her conversation with North Idaho College regarding the Memorandum of Understanding.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A spokesperson for the Spokane Symphony said that the Spokane Performing Arts organization is trying to raise funds for percussion equipment would like to come back at a later date and do a presentation for the committee.

Jason Sanchez said that he was one of the finalists for the Dike Road project and is curious who the panel selected as the winner.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 17, 2015.

MOTION by Larsen, seconded by Bruning, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:

MOTION by Helm, seconded by Dodge, to approve the Financial Statements for December 2014, January 2015, February 2015, and March 2015. Motion carried.

Sean Holm, Arts Commission Liaison, announced that the preservation of the large historical city map hanging in the Ante Room has been completed. Mr. Holm said that the company who did the preservation work did a great job.

Mr. Holm requested, if possible, that all the commissioners please try and stay for the entire meeting. He explained, as an example, that if a motion is needed and most of the commissioners are not present, the motion would need to be tabled until the next month.

Chairman Drake said that if the new day/time is not working for the entire commission, maybe staff can look at other days that might be available. She mentioned that a couple of the commissioners are teachers and maybe the 3:00 time is tough for them to make.

Staff suggested that they will send out a Doodle Poll listing other times/dates that might work better for the entire commission and bring those results back to the next meeting in May.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ARTS COMMISSION MEMBERS—DRAKE

Chairman Drake announced the names of the four new Arts Commission members who were appointed at the last City Council meeting on April 21st.

Commissioner Elliott said that the new member packet provided by staff was very helpful.

SAMPLE “CALL FOR ARTIST” FORM FOR CaFE’—HOLM

Mr. Holm explained that he designed an on-line form that can be used when the commission is getting ready to do a new “Call for Artist.” He said that in the past, staff has cut and pasted information from other past calls and he feels that having a form filled out by the subcommittee chair would provide more accurate information. He presented the new form for the commission to review.

Chairman Drake said that she likes the form and it will simplify the process for new calls.

MAYORS AWARDS IN THE ARTS – HELM

Commissioner Helm announced that Thursday, October 8th is the tentative date for the Mayor’s Awards and he is waiting on confirmation from the resort to lock in that date. He suggested that if any of the commissioners has a name of an artist who might be interested in designing the awards for this year’s event, they should bring those names to the May meeting with a sample of their work and everyone will vote on the favorite. He explained that last year the budget was increased an additional \$500.00 to cover the cost for extra food and he suggested approving the same amount this year. He feels that food is an important part of this evening and is better to have more than less.

MOTION by Morgan, seconded by Dodge, to increase the Mayors Awards budget line item by \$500.00. Motion approved.

Commissioner Evans suggested inviting the past recipients of the Mayor’s Awards since this is the 20th Anniversary and it is a “special” year. She feels more money could be justified, if needed.

Mr. Holm suggested that a new category be added for a student award. He also said that he would like to see money raised through a silent auction of the maquettes to be used for a student

scholarship. Chairman Drake concurred that she would like to see the money go back into the community but before proceeding, it should be discussed with the legal department to make sure

Mr. Holm said that 70 or 80 Allium spokes fell off during the maintenance of the Allium Spring Chorus piece and asked if anybody could use them. Commissioner Helm said that they would make great decorations for the Mayor's Arts Awards.

OLD BUSINESS:

GREEN BOX UPDATE- HOLM

Mr. Holm said that last month Avista gave approval to wrap the tops/sides of seven boxes located in McEuen Park for the placement of way-finding signs. Monty McCully, Trail Coordinator for the city, would like input from the commission on the design of the way-finding signs to be placed on the tops of the boxes at McEuen. Chairman Drake feels that a simple design is the best and thinks the idea is great.

UTILITY BOX UPDATE- MORGAN

Commissioner Morgan said that the panel has scheduled a meeting on Tuesday, April 28th to select the artwork for the utility boxes. There were 214 images entered for only four boxes. She said that this has been a very successful project and it will be hard to choose between all the pictures submitted.

Chairman Drake said she would like to expand the budget to do more boxes if there are other utility boxes to be wrapped.

Commissioner Morgan said that at the last meeting she was tasked to meet with Ken Howard regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for new artwork with North Idaho College. She met with Joe Dunlap, President of NIC, about the status of the agreement and he was not aware there was a problem. She feels that there might have been a communication "breakdown" between staff and NIC. Commissioner Bruning updated the commission that since Commissioner Morgan met with Mr. Dunlap, the city did finalize the Memorandum of Understanding with North Idaho College.

Commissioner White asked about the selection process and who is on the panel.

CDA TRIBE PUBLIC ART PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Commissioner Bruning announced the winner of the Dike Road public art project is Cheryl Metcalf, who submitted a piece entitled "Chief Morris Antelope." Commissioner Bruning suggested purchasing a sign after the artwork is mounted explaining who Chief Morris Antelope was.

MOTION by Morgan, second by Helm to approve the selection of “Chief Morris Antelope” for the Dike Road public art project, and for staff to forward their recommendation to the next City Council meeting. Motion approved.

RAINBOW ARCH BIDS – HOLM

Mr. Holm said that staff received two bids -- one from McMahon Painting for sandblasting and one from CW Wraps and Marketing for the wrapping of the base of the Rainbow Arch. He explained that staff has tried contacting various artists about doing a patina on the base, but did not have any success since many of them will not touch the artwork without the approval of the artist. He will contact the city maintenance staff so they can do the minor repairs discussed at the last Arts Commission meeting.

Commissioner Dodge inquired as to whether staff knew the type of lighting system used and if it is a Phillips Lighting system because he knows someone that is familiar with that product and would be able to look at it for free.

Chairman Drake said it would be nice to be able to reprogram the lights to make them appear brighter.

Commissioner Helm said that he hasn't heard a lot of negative comments about the piece lately and is in favor of trying to improve the piece rather than get rid of it.

Commissioner Larsen like the idea of a wrap for the base of the piece.

Commissioner Dodge said that he likes the idea of painting the base and knows somebody who could do it.

Chairman Drake said that she feels anything will be an improvement to get rid of the white bases.

Commissioner Dodge will obtain bids for the cost of repainting the bases.

GRAFFITI/MURAL WALL PROJECT UPDATE

Chairman Drake apologized for not having much done on this project and would like to do one call at a time as soon as possible. The commission chose Sherman Park as the first location.

Ms. Anderson inquired if other members for the subcommittee are needed. Chairman Drake said that would be a great idea.

ART CURRENTS

Mr. Holm asked if the commission would consider paying a stipend of \$200.00 to the artists to leave their art for the summer since the call went out late.

MOTION by Larsen, seconded by Dodge, to approve a stipend of \$200.00 for the existing artists to leave their artwork till the end of summer. Motion approved.

ART IN RIVER DISTRICT (BUDGET AND LOCATION)

Chairman Drake explained that through LCDC the commission has a budget of \$80,000 for a piece of art somewhere in the Mill River/park area. She said that Commissioner White, who had to leave the meeting early, is familiar with this project and suggested that the discussion be tabled until next month so that Commissioner White could present an update on this project. Commissioner Elliott volunteered to be on the subcommittee with Commissioner Larsen.

PRIORITIZATION OF PROJECTS AND DRAFT CALENDAR - HOLM

Mr. Holm presented a calendar to the commission listing the various projects the commission is working on. He explained that this calendar is very useful for keeping track of projects and deadlines that otherwise might be lost.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Dodge, seconded by Elliott, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.