

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2015
Old Council Chambers, City Hall

Attendees: Jennifer Drake, Trudy Elliott, Tina Johnson, Amy Evans, John Bruning, Jared Helm, Christina Hull, Mark Johnstone, Mike Dodge, 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 Helm requested the item Community and Performing Arts be added to the agenda for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 15, 2015

MOTION by Johnson, Seconded by Bruning, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Holm stated that staff has scheduled a meeting with the Finance Department to come up with ideas to redesign the existing financial report hoping to make it easier to understand.

MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Johnstone, to approve the Financial Statement for July 2015. Motion carried.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Johnson stated at the last month's meeting it was suggested to fill a vacant position on the Arts Commission with a member from Ignite CDA. She explained that Ignite CDA meetings are the same time that we meet and suggested maybe looking at changing our meeting date/time in case one of their members would like to join our group.

Commissioner Johnstone suggested a past recipient of the Mayor's Art Awards would be a great addition to the Arts Commission.

The commission decided to not change the meeting date/time until an applicant has applied.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Ms. Anderson announced an event is planned called "Park(ing) it on Sherman" for September 18th - 20th. She explained that this project came about through a partnership with the local

Realtors who applied and received a \$5,000 grant for this type of event. She stated that they are now looking for volunteers to help with the setup for this event.

Mr. Holm stated that he recently met with Cheryl Metcalf to discuss types of lighting and an estimate of when the sculpture will be placed. Ms. Metcalf stated that she is confident that she will be on time for the placement of Chief Joseph Antelope. He stated that he also had a meeting with Dave Clemans at Riverstone to discuss the placement of “Kate” and was told that the project will be completed at the end of the month.

PRESENTATION:

1. Summer Arts Program – Yvonne Benzinger

Ms. Benzinger stated that this year’s program was a success and brought a scrapbook of pictures taken through the years highlighting the past events that occurred through the 16 years of this program. The book will be displayed at the Mayor’s Art Awards so people can take a look at what has happened through the years.

Chairman Drake presented Ms. Benzinger with a plaque to thank her for 16 years of service with the Summer Arts program and that she will be missed. She stated she has received a lot of comments from parents who really loved this program.

2. Dick Smart Donation – John Bruning

Commissioner Bruning introduced Brian Ross who will be doing a presentation to honor Dick Smart, a local dentist, who recently passed away and a supporter of the Centennial Trail. He held up a book that showed a picture of Dr. Smart riding a bike that could be ridden on the rails of railroad tracks. He brought the maquette of the bike for the commission to preview and explained that the family would like to donate the full size bike in his memory. The Centennial Trail foundation is going to do a fundraiser to raise the money to cover the cost of the placement of the bike and the reason why he is here tonight if the commission has any ideas of where this bike could be displayed. He explained that the family is hoping to place the bike on a piece of railroad track and that someone suggested to place the bike in the area where the four corners is being developed.

Commissioner Dodge inquired regarding the time-frame for this project. Mr. Ross stated that the first thing would be to find a location and hopefully raise enough money from the fundraiser to get this project started next spring.

Chairman Drake commented that this is a great project and as the project progresses to keep the commission informed on the funding process. She stated that the commission will be on the lookout for a location to place this art.

Chairman Bruning stated that he will be in contact with the Centennial Trail Foundation and update the commission on any progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ART CURRENTS - Holm

Mr. Holm stated that the panel has been chosen and that voting will be done online to expedite the process.

2. Donation: “Acrobat Kids” – Holm

Mr. Holm explained that a piece of art was submitted from a lady living in Washington D.C. who would like to donate a piece of art in honor of a friend who passed away a few years ago. She explained that her friend lived in a house next to Phippeny Park on 7th street and would like this piece of art called “Acrobat Kids” placed in the park, in his honor. Mr. Holm explained that this lady bought this piece from a gallery in Canada.

Commissioner Johnstone commented that he looked up the gallery online and found the website and from reading the description of this piece called it “mall art” He explained that this piece is not original and feels that the commission should be looking for original art.

The commission decided to decline the donation.

3. Fiddler Crab – Holm

Mr. Holm stated last month it was discussed to place the Fiddler Crab at Mill River and showed a picture of a piece of land at Mill River that would be a great place for the crab. He stated that he will work with the Parks Department to pour a new pad for the placement of the crab.

Commissioner Hull stated that she met with the Mill River Homeowners Association to explain to them that they will be receiving the Fiddler Crab. She explained that they were hoping to be able to participate in the selection process for a piece of new art.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Awards in the Arts – HELM

Commissioner Helm stated that staff has sent out nomination packets last week and that invitations for the event are being redesigned by himself and staff. The leftover spokes that were replaced from the Allium artwork on McEuen will be presented as a gift to the past winners of the Mayor’s Art Awards. He stated that everything is on track and feels this year’s event will be a great success.

2. Rainbow Arch Bids – HOLM

Mr. Holm stated that he received a bid from Card Wrappers for an estimate on wrapping the wires, plus the cost of wrapping the base of the Rainbow Bridge. He suggested, since a color has

not been selected for the base yet, to get the wires covered first, and then paint the base later once a color is selected.

Chairman Drake suggested getting samples of colors from Card Wrappers to help with a selection on what is available.

Motion by Helm, second by Johnson, to wrap the cables with the new lighting as outlined in an estimate from Card Wrappers. Motion approved.

3. Arts Commission new logo update – Hull

Commissioner Hull explained that last month she presented samples of proposed logos for the commission to choose from, and the winning logo was the one done by Mr. Holm.

Motion by Helm, seconded by Elliott, to replace the current logo with the one done by staff. Motion approved.

Community Arts – Commissioner Helm and Commissioner Hull met with Jeni Riplinger to discuss her proposal for Emerge. Commissioner Helm felt better after the meeting, where most of his questions were answered, which helped him get a better understanding of the program and it would be a good fit for the community. Commissioner Hull concurred and stated that they will be meeting with her again to go over the proposed program. Commissioner Helm feels that we have time as a commission to choose the right program, and feels if Jeni's program is chosen, that they would like to serve on the program's board.

Performing Arts – Commissioner Helm stated that he was approached by Wendy Carroll, who is part of the specialized needs recreation with an idea to put on a play, and if the Arts Commission would be able to back this program. He feels that this should not cost a lot of money and is able to help with the program.

Chairman Drake stated this is a great idea and a way to support the performing arts.

Commissioner Elliott stated that she recently participated in a bike tour on Sherman and noticed that some of the art displayed downtown had plaques, while others did not.

Mr. Holm inquired if next time Commissioner Elliott is downtown, to please make a list of the the pieces of art that don't have a plaque, so staff can make sure one is provided.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Commissioner Hull, seconded by Commissioner Johnstone, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.