

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
August 27, 2019

Attendees: Amy Ferguson, John Bruning, Ali Shute (via telephone), Teresa Runge, ~~Froy Tymesen~~, David Groth, Sarah Garcia, Mary Lee Ryba, Mag Behrmann, Jennifer Drake, Derek Kahler, Bev Moss (via telephone), ~~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 Groth, to approve the minutes of July 23, 2019. Motion carried.**

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT: The Financial Report was reviewed and discussed. **Motion by Commissioner Groth, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to approve the July, 2019 Financial Report. Motion carried.**

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Shute said that the Carl Rowe exhibit has been scheduled for Friday, December 13th, from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m., during ArtWalk at the Human Rights Education Institute. They are talking about Mr. Rowe doing a presentation around 1:00 p.m. on the project. She will provide more information to the commission as it becomes available.

STAFF COMMENTS: There were none.

IDAHO LUMBERJACK DEDICATION DEBRIEF:

Commissioner Shute said that the dedication ceremony went really well and they had a nice crowd, including the artist and Marc Brinkmeyer of the Idaho Forest Group. She noted that that Keith Erickson decided to do an article about the dedication but wasn't present at the event, so she sent him some nice photos of the artist, etc., but instead, he used a photo of Commissioner Shute and she does not know why.

LIGHTED ART INSTALLATION/EVENT UPDATE:

Commissioner Shute said that she, Commissioner Ryba, and Adam Graves met once with Beverly from the Downtown Association, and then they had another meeting that Mr. Graves did not attend, so they are kind of at a standstill. Commissioner Shute noted that Commissioner Ryba did a lot of research on the existing lighting festivals and they are very expensive and take a lot of work. What those festivals do does not seem to be consistent with Mr. Graves' vision, and so because he did not show up to the last meeting, they are a little unclear about how to proceed. Commissioner Ryba said that they looked into lighted projections on walls, buildings, etc., but she thinks that Mr. Graves' vision is to hang lighting. Chairman Drake said that it is

certainly something they think would be exciting and fun to do if they can get all the moving parts to function well, but knowing that they only have a couple of months before winter hits, it is probably not enough time to do anything effectively.

MAYOR’S AWARDS IN THE ARTS – USE OF SILENT AUCTION FUNDS:

Commissioner Shute said that as she was working on the budget for the mayor’s awards, she was wondering if it would be possible to increase the budget a little bit and use some of the funds from the silent auction. But, when she did the budget, which included giving more money to photographers and performers, they are still right on target with \$3,500. She commented that the Mayor’s Awards are coming along great and that all of the musicians are dialed in, the photographer is lined out, and Jennie is coming in and doing displays again on pedestals. They told Jennie that they would provide help to get the pieces to and from the event. The subcommittee is meeting at the Event Center at 2:00 p.m. on the 9th to decorate. Commissioner Shute and Trudy Elliott will go through the decorations in the next month or so and assess what they might need to compensate. She and Commissioner Runge are going to look at potential maquettes that they can put into the silent auction, which will be located by the front door of the event center. Chairman Drake commented that she talked to Zac Ashenbrenner, who is happy to do the awards again this year. Chairman Drake also reminded the commission members to submit a nomination before the deadline on Friday.

STORM DRAIN UPDATE:

Ms. Ferguson provided an update and noted that the four storm drains have been completed and she has submitted requests for payment of the artists. Chairman Drake said that she saw a number of positive comments about the artwork and thinks that it is beneficial to everyone.

A commissioner asked what the next step on the project would be. Commissioner Groth said that he is in touch with the art teachers from the schools and they will begin working on the four school storm drain locations within the next 6 weeks. Chairman Drake said that it would be great to get the press out to take some photos.

THIRD STREET BOAT LAUNCH MURAL CALL TO ARTISTS UPDATE: No update. Chairman Drake said that she personally thinks it is a great location, and they can maybe get the call out in the early spring.

“INSPIRED” PUBLIC ART UPDATE:

Ms. Ferguson provided an update on behalf of Mr. Tymesen. Mr. Tymesen spoke to Mr. Sanchez yesterday evening. He is still welding and is working on the electrical hook up for the heart. Mr. Sanchez said that the piece should be done by November and the install “is handled.” Ms. Ferguson passed around updated photos which were submitted by Mr. Sanchez.

SELTICE WAY PUBLIC ART VIDEO/ARTIST MEET & GREET UPDATE:

Ms. Ferguson provided an update on behalf of Mr. Tymesen. Jeff Crowe of CDA TV is working on the video, drafting a rough script, organizing the images provided by Mr. Boyer, and shooting variety of the community art pieces. He is hoping to do a few quick interviews to include in the video so it is not just a straight narrative. It is a work in progress.

Chairman Drake said that she had an opportunity to meet the artist, and Ms. Ferguson commented that the artist commented in an email that the City of Coeur d'Alene was the best city he has had to work with and the install went well. Chairman Drake congratulated everyone involved in the process.

MURAL FESTIVAL SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE:

No update.

CITY NAME PHOTO OP SCULPTURE IDEA:

Commissioner Moss said that she sent an email to Ms. Ferguson with a request from Susan Nipp regarding a potential art project [where an artist would create an iconic photo-op city name piece of art like has been done in other cities]. She wondered if the commission would be interested in doing something similar in Coeur d'Alene. Chairman Drake said that she thought it would be a very natural fit somewhere near the lake, or city park, etc. Commissioner Moss said that she thought it would go all over on social media. Chairman Drake said that if the location was in the Lake District, it might be good to do the project before the district sunsets. She asked that the item be placed on the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Utility Box Beautification: Commissioner Kahler said that he and Commissioner Moss met and he obtained a couple of quotes from different companies regarding a 3 x 4 acrylic tag with laser engraving for the utility boxes, and they are looking at \$300-\$500 for all 38 boxes. He and Commissioner Moss are working on putting together a map that is a little different than the one they already have. The labels could have a QR code that would take you to a digital link to the other boxes. Commissioner Moss said that they also want to be sure that they have all the names of the artists from the schools. She also noted that she has been in communication with Ms. Ferguson about how many unwrapped boxes are out there and if they find it is a reasonable number, they still have the artist submissions of 2018 and might be able to put together a selection committee by October and use the past submissions to make a decision on what they can use on the remaining boxes. Ms. Ferguson noted that she had received an email inquiry from TDS Telecom regarding the utility box wrapping program, and so there is a potential of more available boxes or a partnership. She provided TDS Telecom with information about the program, but hasn't heard anything back yet.

Chairman Drake said that it seems like the quote for the tags seems reasonable. Ms. Ferguson will contact Tim Martin, Streets & Engineering Director, regarding a list of available boxes.

ArtCurrents: Ms. Ferguson said that all of the extension agreements have been approved, with the exception of Teresa McHugh, and she has submitted for payment of the artists. She further noted that she has heard from all five of the artists for the new pieces, and all of the contracts have been returned, with the exception of Leon Potterton, who never received the contract. Ms. Ferguson mailed out a new contract and cover letter and expects to receive the signed contract back soon. The artists were instructed in the cover letter to contact Tim Martin at the Streets & Engineering Department to coordinate the installation of their pieces.

Commissioner Runge said that if they wanted to propose the purchase of Ms. McHugh's piece, what would they need to do. Chairman Drake said that they have budgeted the purchase of one piece each year, and so the decision is up to the Arts Commission. She requested that the item be added to next month's agenda for further discussion.

Riverstone: No update. Chairman Drake suggested that now might be the time to begin to get the subcommittee together and start making some plans.

Performing Arts: No update.

Ped/Bike Brochure: Commissioner Shute said that they are going to have to make some decisions on what pieces they want in the ped/bike brochure as there are some things on the brochure now that aren't a part of the city's public art collection, and some things that are in the brochure that aren't on the map. They are thinking that they should only have public art on the map, and every piece of public art should be on the map.

Commissioner Shute asked about the art piece on the median strip on Government Way. Chairman Drain explained that it is in the city's permanent collection (as a loan) for the foreseeable future.

Mural Projects: Commissioner Shute said that she has been approached by someone about a dedication ceremony for the Centennial Trail underpass mural. Chairman Drake asked that it be placed on next month's agenda to give Mr. Tymesen an opportunity to review the request.

Public Art Plaques: Commissioner Shute said that they are recommending that the ArtCurrents plaques for the new pieces be ordered, and that the midtown bike racks should also have plaques, and the stump art at Phippeny Park by Jeff May. It was noted that the Octopus bike rack has been relocated next to the Harbor House. Commissioner Groth said that he went by there today and there were four bikes locked up to it.

City Hall Entrance: No update. Commissioner Kahler said that there are a lot of people who think that the project doesn't need to happen.

4-corners Entrance: Commissioner Bruning will get together with the subcommittee and fill out the packet of information. Chairman Drake will send out an email.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

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