

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
October 21, 2015

Attendees: Jennifer Drake, Roberta Larsen, Tina Johnson, Amy Evans, John Bruning, Jared Helm, David Groth, Trudy Elliott, Mark Johnstone, 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 Larsen, seconded by Johnstone, to approve the August 19, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:

MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Bruning, to approve the Financial Statement for September, 2015. Motion carried.

Mr. Holm stated that staff is still working with legal to come up with a better design to the financial report.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

The commission thanked Commissioner Helm for the organization of the Mayors Art Awards this year. Commissioner Johnstone commented that he has been to numerous award shows and that this year's Mayors Art Awards was the best he has seen.

Commissioner Drake would like suggestions on how the commission can get more nominations for next year.

Commissioner Larsen suggested since there were not many nominations for the student award letting the teachers know ahead of time might help with nominations.

Commissioner Helm stated that he feels the student award this year really moved people and would hate to see it eliminated for lack of nominations.

STAFF COMMENTS:

1. Updates on current projects—Art Currents, Fiddler Crab, Kate, Quietude, Rainbow Bridge, McEuen green boxes/Utility wraps, Dike art (Chief Morris Antelope), Northwest Public Art Conference (NWPAC)

Mr. Holm announced that two new student representatives were appointed by the city council meeting last week. They are: Marina Lundy and Maggie Hurst who wil hopefully join us for our next meeting on November 10th. Mr. Holm inquired if the commission would consider canceling the November and December meetings and explained since we changed the date to the 4th Wednesday of the month, the dates are close to Thanksgiving and Christmas. The commission discussed, and asked if staff could change the November back to the third Wednesday and will discuss at the November meeting if we want to cancel the December meeting. The commission felt that canceling one meeting would be fine, but two would not be a good idea. Mr. Holm gave the following updates:

- Art Currents: All new art pieces have been installed. He commented that Commissioner Dodge and Johnstone did a great job organizing the install/de install for the art.
- The Fiddler crab that was purchased by the commission a few months ago has a new home at Mill River. David Clemons has finally reinstalled “Kate “at Riverstone and Quietude that was recently purchased via a conference call for approval will be placed at Riverstone.
- Rainbow Bridge Commissioner Dodge is working with the utility company to make sure the additional lighting will work with the existing connection and Cart Wrappers who is working on the wires across the bridge stated that they were nervous using pvc as originally proposed to wrap the wires and decided to use aluminum instead of the pvc that will not weigh down the wires.

Chairman Drake inquired if staff has contacted Cart Wrappers to see if they could provide samples of different colors for the base of the Rainbow Bridge.

Mr. Holm stated that before he contacted Cart Wrappers regarding paint samples decided to call the artist who did the Rainbow Bridge and to explain to him what is being done regarding wrapping the wires and maybe painting the base of the bridge. He stated that the artist was fine with work on the lighting system but if the commission decided to paint the base he would like his name removed off of the piece of art.

- McEuen Green Boxes two of the green boxes have been wrapped and weather permitting the rest will be done this month. He commented that the two boxes that were wrapped came out great and suggested that if the commission is in the area to take a look.

- Chief Morris Antelope is expected to be in at the end of November with an unveiling scheduled when there is an official date when the sculpture will be done.

PRESENTATION:

Under the Rainbow—Bob McDonald

Mr. McDonald explained that a few years ago, he and his wife visited a dog park in Portland and loved it. He came back and met with Doug Eastwood who was the former Parks Director and told him that the city needs a dog park. He explained that that part of the donation is based on a poem that was sent to him after his dog Jake passed away who after his passing, received a card from a friend that had the poem “Under the Rainbow” that was very touching. He explained the other part of the donation is a tribute to his wife’s uncle who grew up on Front Street and was the manager of the Wilma Theatre. He explained that his wife’s uncle “Palmer” never married, but loved Boston Terriers and in this honor would like to have the silhouette of the “Under the Rainbow” as described in the illustration placed at McEuen Dog Park.

Commissioner Larsen inquired if a model of the piece be brought back to the commission before a decision is made.

Mr. Foster stated that he would be able to provide a model for the commission to review.

Chairman Drake stated that before a decision is made we need to schedule a workshop with the Parks Department regarding their policies for donations. She inquired if staff could set up that meeting and once that meeting is done get back with Mr. McDonald regarding this donation.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jason Sanchez Donation –Sean

Mr. Holm explained that Jason Sanchez approached him about donating his piece “The Plunge” to the city and after that meeting met with Monty McCully, City Trails Coordinator and found a place on a hiking trail close to Fernan that might work. He showed a picture of the location to the commission.

Chairman Drake stated that she likes the piece.

Motion by Helm, and second by Johnson, to accept the donation of “The Plunge” to the city.
Motion approved.

2. McEuen Park Wall—Drake

Commissioner Drake explained that the panel got together to go over the selections for the wall and after a lengthy discussion the panel decided that it was not satisfied with any of the submissions and that she will revise the call and hopefully move forward in the spring. She explained that the submissions chosen were not bad, but lacking the right fit for a wall of that size.

Commissioner Johnson suggested moving forward with the call for murals.

Mr. Holm explained that a lot of the art submitted was nice but felt after looking at the materials that the artist would be using would not work with the brick on the wall.

2. CaFE submissions—Sean

Mr. Holm explained that when doing a call through Café most of the art that was submitted was not acceptable. He suggested when doing our next call to charge maybe a \$1.00, so it would help eliminate people who are not serious about the call from submitting.

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