

**ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
July 25, 2023
City Hall, Conference Room #6**

Attendees: Chairman Mary Lee Ryba, Vice Chairman Jennifer Drake, Commissioner John Bruning, Commissioner Abby Light, Commissioner Katie Linder, Commissioner Alesa Momerak, Commissioner Lindsey Sichelstiel, Commissioner Kate Walker, Commissioner Summer Ward, Council Liaison Amy Evans, City Administrator Troy Tymesen, City Accountant Stephanie Padilla.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Artist Cheryl Metcalf and Gail Nye, who was a member of the Red-Hot Mamas, brought forward an art project of the iconic image of a Red-Hot Mama pushing a shopping cart while doing the splits. Gail explained the group had done a lot of fundraising for non-profits and had participated in many parades on Sherman Avenue in the past 31 years since their inception and last year was their last parade. She said funding for the art piece would mostly come from fundraising and they were seeking help from the Arts Commission to cover any shortfall. They would like to donate it to the City to be placed at City Park near the Museum. She said they would bring a proposal back to the commission at their next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Light, seconded by Commissioner Linder, to approve the June 27, 2023, minutes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Bruning, seconded by Commissioner Momerak, to approve the June 2023, Financial Reports. **Motion carried.**

DTA “ILLUMINATE” WINTER LIGHTS FESTIVAL: Vice Chairman Drake informed the Commission that the Downtown Association (DTA) has commissioned the Big Art Company from Calgary, Canada to install three (3) large pieces. An electronic presentation of the three art pieces and details of the Big Art Company was shown to the Commission. The total cost of the three pieces is \$60,000, and Idaho Central Credit Union is going to provide a sponsorship in the amount of \$20,000. DTA is hoping for many more sponsorships. The three large illuminating pieces are interactive and titled “The Beacon,” in which people can walk in and out as it stands tall and changes colors, “The Doors,” where when you open and close each door and a different image appears, there are several doors and can be placed separate of each other, and the “Arch of Lights”, as you walk through the lights the color changes. Due to the timeline of the event, it was determined by DTA that bringing this company with three large pieces of art to display for two weeks starting January 26 is the best option. Exact placement of all the art pieces has not been determined, options include the CdA Resort, private and City owned lots.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE CALL TO ARTIST FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FLARE: Commissioner Momerak indicated the full call is reviewable in the agenda packet and thanked Mike Becker from the Wastewater Department for the detailed assistance to the call. If approved, the call will be submitted on Café August 1, 2023.

MOTION: Motion by Vice Chairman Drake, Seconded by Commissioner Sichelstiel, to Approve the Call to Artist for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Flare. **Motion Carried.**

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:

ArtCurrents: Chairman Ryba said the next meeting will be July 31, 2023, where the selection committee will review submitted art pieces and select five (5) to bring forward to Council.

Audio Guide: Chairman Ryba is appreciative of the positive article in the Coeur d’Alene Press and is impressed with the good traction and usage of the app. Brochures have been distributed with the QR Code. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the release of the audio guide was held on Monday, July 10.

Performing Arts: Chairman Ryba indicated that summer is time for performing arts, and there are plenty of opportunities to observe a play. Summer Art Theater is showing Footloose the weekend of July 28 – 30, with many more shows scheduled.

Mural Project: Commissioner Momerak and Chairman Ryba traveled to Toppenish, Washington to view their mural program. Most of the murals were focused around the farming community. The Toppenish Mural Committee consists mostly of historical members and they choose the artist and what was going to be painted. All items to complete the mural are provided, down to the brushes and cleaning materials. The Committee in charge of the murals is a nonprofit and separate from the city. Commissioner Momerak said a complete mural in a day is difficult but the committee has many good ideas and is willing to assist the City of Coeur d’Alene’s mural projects. Many of the murals are historically driven and some murals are located on privately owned buildings. Some communities have murals done on large cement boards. Large cement movable panels seem to be an intriguing idea for the City of Coeur d’Alene, with the possibility of collaborating with the CdA Chamber and other businesses in the City.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Momerak, seconded by Commissioner Light, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting ended at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Stephanie Padilla
City Accountant