

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
January 22, 2019

Attendees: Jennifer Drake (arrived late), Amy Ferguson, Bev Moss (via telephone), Ali Shute, John Bruning, Teresa Runge, Troy Tymesen, Roberta Larsen, Teresa Runge, Derek Kahler

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Ali Shute called the meeting to order.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA: Motion by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Bruning to amend the Agenda to reflect the review/corrections/approval of minutes of November 27, 2018, instead of October 23, 2018. Motion carried.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Commissioner Bruning, seconded by Commissioner Larsen, to approve the minutes of November 27, 2018. Motion carried.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by Commissioner Runge, seconded by Commissioner Larsen, to approve the November & December, 2018 Financial Report. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:
There were none.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Tymesen provided the commission with an update from Jason Sanchez on the “Inspired” sculpture. Mr. Sanchez said that he has switched his schedule around so that he has less distraction and can get more accomplished. The bottom part of the sculpture has been built, and skimmed, and the top section of the frame has been built. He has been working on the electrical system for the heart, and has also been fabricating a utility junction box in the base of the main body. Once those are completed, the piece will be sent for powder coating. Mr. Sanchez is shooting for a tentative install date of May 1st. He will be contacting the Building Department for additional inspections.

Mr. Tymesen said that the Benson brothers have finally been served and the City has been in contact with their attorney regarding having them complete the Centennial Trail underpass mural.

Mr. Tymesen informed the commission that artist Jeff May's shop was destroyed, including the Freedom Tree from McEuen Park that he had been working on in his shop. The Parks Department will be working with Mr. May on what can be done.

Mr. Tymesen also informed the commission that Commissioner Goodlander was unable to make the meeting today but asked that he let the commission know that Terry Lee is on his way to the foundry with the molds for the lumberjack, and the sculpture should be done in a few weeks. Commissioner Bruning said that he will be meeting with Mr. Lee tomorrow regarding the miner sculpture.

Mr. Tymesen noted that there are a couple of vacancies on the Arts Commission, in addition to a new appointment from ignite coming probably in March since Commissioner Goodlander's term will be expiring. The goal is to not have more than four members being appointed or reappointed in any given year. In looking at the current expiration dates, Mr. Tymesen noted that there are six members whose terms expire in 2021. The commission agreed to not take any action regarding the term expirations at this time and to see how things go.

APPROVAL OF REVISED DRAWING FOR "SOARING WITH FRIENDS" SELTICE WAY PUBLIC ART:

Commissioner Runge presented the new, revised design for the "Soaring with Friends" art piece. She noted that the selection committee felt that the original design looked more like an airplane than a bird. The redesign was presented to the selection committee, and the subcommittee members who responded were all in favor of it. Commissioner Shute commented that the artist was very accommodating of their request. Commissioner Runge said that she liked the redesign because it is different from some of the other pieces that the artist has done, which makes it very unique.

MOTION by Commissioner Runge, seconded by Commissioner Groth, to accept the modification of the "Soaring with Friends" design submitted by artist David Boyer for the Seltice Way Roundabouts. Motion carried, with Commissioner Moss abstaining.

Commissioner Runge also noted that Mr. Boyer has asked for an extension of about a month, which was granted. Mr. Tymesen commented that the City has received a performance plan with measurable funding points, and noted that the artist has been exceptional in his communication and follow through, etc. He also noted that the City Council would be notified of the approval of the revised design through a heads up as the change is not overly substantive, and they will also be able to read about the discussion in the minutes.

MCEUEN PUBLIC ART PLAQUES:

Ms. Ferguson said that Mayor Widmyer had received several inquiries from citizens regarding art in McEuen Park and that he had noticed that some of the public art in the park does not have identifying signage. As a result, he asked Ms. Ferguson to work on getting signage installed. Ms. Ferguson noted that Commissioner Shute designed the plaques, and the order was sent off to a company, via North Idaho Trophy, who will create the bronze plaques with a CNC router, and it will take about 4 weeks. Commissioner Shute noted that the cost of the plaques was slightly higher than was originally quoted to the commission in October, due to the fact that the plaque

size needed to be increased. She also clarified that North Idaho Trophy, a local company, is handling the plaque order but they don't do bronze casting or routing, so they contract the work out.

ART ON THE ISLANDS UPDATE:

No update at this time.

“INSPIRED” PUBLIC ART UPDATE:

See update under “Staff Comments.”

CHIEF MORRIS ANTELOPE RELOCATION UPDATE:

Commissioner Bruning said that he noticed that some locate work on utilities at the site has been done. He commented that Chris Bosley, City Engineer, is still working on the design for the foundation, and City crews will be available if it doesn't snow that much. Commissioner Shute asked about an estimated install date. Mr. Tymesen said they are hoping for March or April. Once the base is set it is just a matter of coordinating the installation. He noted that it will be a challenge to remove the sculpture from its current location but they do have all of the engineering from the original sculpture location, which will help.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Utility Box Beautification: Commissioner Shute asked about possible plaques or identification for the utility boxes and said that it would be nice if there was some way to identify the artists. Commissioner Kahler suggested something with an adhesive that could be mounted on the boxes. Commissioner Shute will look into it.

Chairman Drake arrived late.

ARTS COMMISSIONER SURVEY UPDATE:

It was agreed that the Arts Commissioner survey was not necessary. Chairman Drake said that she will revisit the ordinance in regard to member expectations, etc. and will work on language for review next month.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued):

ArtCurrents: No update. Ms. Ferguson will send Commissioner Runge information about the call.

Mr. Tymesen asked about former ArtCurrents piece, “Breaking Boundaries,” by artist Jason Sanchez, that had been purchased by the commission. He noted that there is a request to move the statue. Ms. Ferguson will check the minutes to see where the sculpture was originally intended to be placed.

Arts Commission Applicant Review: Mr. Tymesen will reach out to Commissioner Lewis to see if he is still interested in serving on the Arts Commission and report back to the commission.

Chairman Drake encouraged the commission members to let people know that there are openings on the commission. Ms. Ferguson will post recruitment information on CDA TV, the web page, and social media sites.

Riverstone Public Art: Chairman Drake said that the commission has budgeted for this year a project in Riverstone, which is an entry piece or signage, and noted that it is time to put together a timeline for all of this year's upcoming projects. She suggested that the mural project should be first on the timeline based on the fact that it would need to be completed during the warmer months.

Performing Arts: Commissioner Groth said that he met with Terry Cooper of the Downtown Association about having performers downtown during the summer months. Mr. Cooper was in favor of the proposal as long as the music is not amplified, and it is approved by the store owner. They discussed times that might be best during the summer. Commissioner Groth will continue to move forward on establishing times, but noted that anyone can go downtown and perform whenever they want, and that it is important to encourage performers of all kinds.

Mural Projects: Chairman Drake reaffirmed that she would like to do the seawall mural this year and noted that she will talk to Commissioner Moss and Councilmember Evans when they are back in town. She would like the mural call to be the first call for 2019. Mr. Tymesen said that they are anticipating the completion of the Centennial Trail underpass mural in 2019.

Library Bike Racks (Lower Level): Chairman Drake said that she will check in with the artist regarding a timeline for installation.

Chairman Drake asked about the Octopus bike rack and noted that it was removed for construction of the Parking Garage. Mr. Tymesen said that he will check on it, and will also check on the "Soaring Raven's piece by Buddy Paul that was removed for the Memorial Park revitalization project.

Chairman Drake commented that the stick-on plaques for the utility boxes might also be a great opportunity to pursue using QR codes.

Chairman Drake asked the City Hall Entrance, 4-Corners, and Parking Garage subcommittees to connect via email for discussion at the meeting next month in regard to a game plan/timeline, etc. Mr. Tymesen asked the commission if they felt they had enough resources to take care of all of their budgeted projects this year considering that the commission is currently working on the biggest call that they have ever had. Chairman Drake responded that within the next month is the time to start thinking about it and deciding what is reasonable and realistic. Mr. Tymesen suggested that the commission may want to rethink the City Hall entrance art piece and, instead, think about the Atlas Waterfront project with public space going green in 2020. He suggested that the commission invite the Parks Director to the next meeting as he will be able to discuss entrance ideas at Riverstone, seawall preparation, and he can also help out with the Art on the Islands project. Ms. Ferguson will invite him to the next meeting.

Commissioner Shute mentioned that the Arts & Culture Alliance’s “Mardi Gras” event is February 16th. They have two great raffle opportunities – a wine experience and a trip to New Orleans. She asked the commission members to help spread the word about the event and the raffle and noted that tickets can be purchased on the Arts and Culture website.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Larsen, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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