

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
June 26, 2018

Attendees: Jennifer Drake, Trudy Elliot, John Bruning, Ali Shute, Troy Tymesen, Teresa Runge, Amy Evans, Amy Ferguson, Roberta Larson, Sydney Morrison.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were none.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: There were none. Mr. Tymesen explained that new state code going into effect on July 1st will eliminate the “Agenda Amendments” agenda item and amendments to the agenda that require action will not be allowed within 48 hours of the meeting start time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Larson, to approve the Minutes of May 22, 2018. Motion carried.**

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT: **Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Shute, to approve the May, 2018 Financial Report. Motion carried.**

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Shute commented that she would like to attend the September NOWPAC Conference in Moscow, and asked if the commission would be willing to pay the \$60.00 registration fee. Ms. Ferguson was instructed to place this item on the agenda next month as an action item.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Tymesen thanked Ms. Ferguson for her assistance with the commission.

TERM EXPIRATIONS: GROTH, BRUNING, DRAKE, ELLIOTT

Chairman Drake explained that four commission terms are either expiring this month, or expired in April. She noted that commissioner standards haven’t been discussed yet. Chairman Drake, Commissioner Bruning and Commissioner Elliott indicated that they would like to be reappointed, with the commission’s approval. Chairman Drake will contact Commissioner Groth to discuss his reappointment, and will also talk to a couple of other people as well. Mr. Tymesen said that once the commissioner expectations have been finalized, he thinks that the commission should adopt them and make it a part of the orientation. Chairman Drake noted that

they have two applicants who have gone through the interview process that are on the “back burner” ready and willing to fill seats as they become available. Councilmember Evans arrived at 4:14 p.m.

Ms. Ferguson was instructed to put a review of the draft commissioner expectations on the agenda for next month’s meeting and to let Commissioner McCormack know. Commissioner Shute commented that the Arts & Culture Alliance recently updated their bylaws and she will be happy to provide those to Commissioner McCormack.

Commissioner Runge asked if there was a typical attendance policy for other commissions. Mr. Tymesen said that it varies by commission, and that they just want people to know that they are missed, and if there is a problem with their attendance, they should let the commission know.

MOTION by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Larsen, to recommend the reappointment of Jennifer Drake, John Bruning, and Trudy Elliott to the Arts Commission.
Motion carried.

RIVERSTONE PUBLIC ART UPDATE:

Mr. Tymesen passed around an update and photos from the artist, Ken Spiering, who is in the 4th stage of fabrication of the art piece. He has completed the three fish and is in the process of affixing them to the structural elements. Mr. Tymesen said that they were hoping for installation in June, but they are still about a month out. He is working with Mr. Spiering to secure the site, check the irrigation, locate the utilities, etc. Installation will be complete before Mr. Spiering receives any more money. Commissioner Elliott asked if they should put something in the contracts that will give latitude for completion for art pieces. Mr. Tymesen said that deterrents to not completing artwork on time is that the artist will not receive final payment and it can be detrimental to their reputation and make it less likely for the artist to receive another opportunity. He noted that Mr. Spiering has been communicative, and noted that things happen and he thinks that the commission can be flexible.

“INSPIRED” UPDATE:

Mr. Tymesen said that the artwork will not be delivered before the 4th of July. The City has delivered a pad site based on engineering in the Garden Avenue parking area. Mr. Tymesen will bring the cost for the concrete pad back to the commission for their review at the next meeting. He noted that it is a learning experience, and that without assistance from City staff, they would not have nearly the art collection that they have because the City pays for a lot of the concrete, installations, etc. Mr. Tymesen commented that when the artist is ready, the art piece will be assembled on site.

“THE VALENTINE” UPDATE:

Mr. Tymesen said that the donor is about a week away from his appraisal being done for the donation of the art piece. Councilmember Evans asked if the art piece not being an original was a problem. Mr. Tymesen said that the art donation policy does not require that the art being donated be an original work of art.

CONTINUED BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Mr. Tymesen said that he has not had an opportunity to reach out to any experts on the bronzes, but suggested that possibly Terry Lee could do it.

In regard to the Community Art Fund, Mr. Tymesen said that he asked the Urban Renewal Agency if they could support the program. Their response was no, they cannot support the grant program because a number of the entities would be outside of the district. Chairman Drake said that the 1% fund cannot sustain the Community Art Fund program, at least at the current level. Mr. Tymesen recommended that the program be discontinued at this time. Discussion ensued regarding Emerge. Mr. Tymesen said that they definitely want children to be engaged and not have a fee prohibit them from taking a class. Chairman Drake encouraged everyone to continue to think about it, and said that she would still like to encourage those who are interested to seek out assistance from the Arts Commission.

Mr. Tymesen said that staff was contacted by Chorale CDA, who wanted to roll over some of the funds to the next fiscal year. Mr. Tymesen said that he would endorse letting them keep the money that they have, and the commission agreed. Ms. Ferguson will email them and let them know.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor's Awards in the Arts – Commissioner Elliott said that the Resort has committed to October 10th. Ms. Ferguson confirmed that the nomination packets were emailed and mailed out to those in the database without an email, and Commissioner Shute confirmed that it will go out in their Art Blast this weekend. Chairman Drake encouraged each member to submit at least one person for the Mayor's Awards. Ms. Ferguson will send out the list of those who have previously received the awards. Commissioner Elliott said that Ann Mitchell has indicated that they definitely want to participate this year, and she will follow up with her. Mr. Tymesen confirmed that \$3,500 is budgeted for the Mayor's Awards this year. Commissioner Elliott said that their goal was to use the decorations from last year and maybe change the colors. She also said that they will need to expand the subcommittee, and Commissioner Runge volunteered to serve.

Utility Box Beautification – Commissioner Elliott review the art that was selected by the selection committee, and noted that the remaining top 20 applicants were placed on a waiting list for future boxes as they become available.

ArtCurrents – Commissioner Shute handed out the draft ArtCurrents brochure and noted that she included information about the Arts Commission in the brochure. She also noted that she has been working with Bev Moss on the Art in Motion brochure, and combining the walking and bicycle routes into one brochure. Ms. Ferguson will put the printing of the brochure on the agenda for next month for a decision by the commission. Commissioner Shute noted that they already have funding for the Art in Motion brochure from a Rotary grant.

Mural Project – Chairman Drake questioned whether there would be time this summer or early fall to get the sea wall mural project done if she completed the call by the end of the week. She confirmed that the call would be local. Mr. Tymesen said that there are some blemishes on the wall that they would want to have corrected, etc. Chairman Drake said that she would write the call and then forward it on to the subcommittee members for their review, and then on to Ms. Ferguson. She noted that if it is feasible and works with the timelines of other projects, that would be great.

Library Bike Racks – Ms. Ferguson noted that the call for the lower level bike racks has been distributed. No submissions have been received yet. The call deadline is July 5.

Chief Morris Antelope – Commissioner Bruning said that he, Kim Harrington, and Garry Stark (NIC) met on May 2nd and identified two possible sites for the statue. He reviewed the sites with the commission. He noted that he talked to the artist, Cheryl Metcalf, and she didn't have any concerns with the two proposed locations and said that any site would be better than where the statue is located now. Commissioner Bruning will provide her with photos of the proposed locations. He also requested a contact for the Tribe. Mr. Tymesen said that he will find out who that would be. Commissioner Bruning said that they will also need to work around the availability of the Street crew and would like to move the piece in August or September before the leaf pick up starts in the fall. This item will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

Mr. Tymesen asked whether a permit would be required from the Corp of Engineers, and that it is something that they need to check into. Mr. Tymesen will email Kim Harrington regarding it. Commissioner Bruning encouraged the commission members to take a look at both sites. Chairman Drake thanked Commissioner Bruning for his work on the project.

Art on the Islands – Commissioner Elliott said that she hasn't heard any response to her questions and she thinks the project has been put on hold. Mr. Tymesen said that they are trying to figure out where the best locations might be. Commissioner Elliott said that there were also some conflicts in the donation policy about maintenance and where the money would come from for engineering, etc. Mr. Tymesen will send the donation policy to Commissioner Elliot for the subcommittee's review in preparing a proposal. Discussion ensued regarding a stipend for installation of the pieces. Chairman Drake said that the commission may want to come up with a certain stipend for installation, with the donor paying the rest if it goes about that amount. Commissioner Elliott will work with the subcommittee and Mr. Roberge to put together a proposal.

Seltice Way Roundabouts – Ms. Ferguson said that four of the six finalists have returned the Letters of Agreement and she is still waiting for the agreements from Allen Dodge and Wendy Zhang.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Elliott, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

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