

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
August 28, 2018

Attendees: Jennifer Drake, John Bruning, Ali Shute, Troy Tymesen, Teresa Runge, Amy Evans, Amy Ferguson, Roberta Larson, David Groth, Ashley McCormack

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 Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to approve the Minutes of July 24, 2018. Motion carried.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by Commissioner Groth, seconded by Commissioner Larsen, to approve the July, 2018 Financial Report. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Chairman Drake said that there will be an Ink Print Rally at Emerge next month where they will be creating giant screen printed art pieces with a steam roller in the parking lot. Twenty local artists will be creating original blocks, which are available for sale and will be displayed in December.

Commissioner Shute noted that she did a piece on public art in Coeur d'Alene that is in the latest edition of the Art Chowder magazine.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Tymesen noted that CDA Magazine is doing a photo shoot on Jason Sanchez and will be out at his studio tomorrow. The "Inspired" art piece will be photographed as a work in progress.

Mr. Tymesen noted that Mr. Sanchez is willing to sell the "Revenge of the Ants" piece to the City, which is currently on display through the ArtCurrents program. He noted that the sales price would be approximately \$3,750.00. This item will be placed on the Arts Commission agenda for discussion and action next month. Chairman Drake noted that she loves the piece, and that both kids and adults love it.

Mr. Tymesen commented that he is bringing forward a staff report to council that addresses maquettes. The idea is to possibly auction them, so he will be asking council to declare them surplus. A silent auction at the Mayor's Awards in the Arts was discussed as an opportunity to generate income and interest in the maquettes.

RESIGNATIONS/VACANCIES:

Chairman Drake noted that Commissioners Johnstone, Elliott and Johnson have resigned, and Commissioner McCormack will be resigning the end of September. Ms. Ferguson also noted that the student representative's term has expired.

Chairman Drake noted that the commission can't appoint more than four new commissioners in a 12 month period of time. They have some people lined up to fill the vacancies and have conducted three interviews already and have one more interview to do. She noted that she has also been told that a student is interested in the student representative position. They will try to fill the spots as quickly as possible and Chairman Drake said that they will, hopefully, have some of their new orientation material to give to them. Once the appointments have been approved, they will set up some sort of meet and greet to talk through questions, etc. It will be a big transition but, hopefully, a positive one.

Commissioner Runge asked if exit interviews have ever been conducted with those commissioners who have resigned. Chairman Drake said that she usually asks them herself, and most of the time the reason for the resignation is due to a time commitment issue.

Commissioner Groth commented that he thinks it is difficult for a young person to come to the commissioner meetings and speak up (i.e., student representative). He suggested creating something concrete that the student could help with to help them feel engaged. Councilmember Evans commented that her son, Max, was a Parks and Rep student representative for several years and that a couple of the commissioners took him under their wing and made sure that his questions were answered. It wasn't a formalized thing, but if it hadn't have happened, her son would have been floundering. She suggested assigning a couple of commissioners to mentor the student representative. Commissioner Groth suggested that they could possibly help out in some way with the Mayor's Awards in the Arts.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:

Commissioner Shute and Commissioner Larsen were nominated for the Vice Chairman position. After a vote by the commission members, Commissioner Shute was elected as the new Vice Chairman.

“INSPIRED” AND “RIVERSTONE” PUBLIC ART UPDATES:

Mr. Tymesen said that the “Undercurrents” piece at Riverstone is installed and encouraged the commission members to take a look at it. The “Inspired” piece needs to have a confirmation of the welds before Mr. Sanchez finishes it up and gets it ready for powder coating. The piece is very large and the powder coating will take a while as the piece has to be disassembled before it can be powder coated. The artist has had some health issues that have created delays in the project.

Discussion ensued regarding a dedication ceremony for the “Undercurrents” piece. Mr. Tymesen said that he will work on getting that scheduled and make sure that the landscaping is up to speed, etc.

Mr. Tymesen also commented that the bike racks for the upper level of the library are going in and he noted that there were a number of bikes attached to them today.

COMMISSIONER EXPECTATIONS & STANDARDS (CONTINUED DISCUSSION):

Commissioner McCormack said that she met with Chairman Drake to talk about orientation materials. She would like to send out a survey to the commissioners through Survey Monkey. Survey questions would include what the commissioners would suggest for orientation, what is working and what is not working in regard to the Arts Commission, and possibly some reasons why they joined the commission. The plan is to send those questions to Chairman Drake this week, and then forward them to Ms. Ferguson to construct the survey and send it to the commission members.

Commissioner McCormack noted that she is resigning the end of September, so if anyone is interested in working on the orientation materials and carrying it forward, to please let her know.

ARTCURRENTS/ART IN MOTION BROCHURES DISTRIBUTION & RESTOCKING:

Ms. Ferguson said that she needs assistance from the commission members to distribute the ArtCurrents/Art in Motion Brochures and brochure stands, and keep the various locations stocked with brochures. Commissioner Shute said that it would be nice to have the brochures displayed at the Hayden and Post Falls Chambers, and the libraries. She has them displayed at the CDA Chamber already. Another great place might be a bike shop downtown.

Chairman Drake suggested that each commissioner member should take a few brochure stands and brochures and keep them stocked. Commissioner Groth suggested the Riverstone Starbucks and some of the local outdoor stores, etc. Ms. Ferguson will create a master list and send it out for input.

CHIEF MORRIS ANTELOPE RELOCATION UPDATE:

Mr. Tymesen said that he and Commissioner Bruning are going to meet with the NIC business manager next week. Commissioner Groth commented that he was going down the Spokane River in a boat and was taken with how the sculpture looks from the river and hopes that the new location will also provide a view from the river.

SELTICE WAY ROUNDABOUTS UPDATE:

Commissioner Runge said that the maquettes have been received and they will be displayed at City Hall, the CDA Library, and the Kroc Center for public comment. The selection subcommittee will contact the references for all of the six artists and their teams, and then the selection committee will meet together in October to Skype interview all of the artists.

It was noted that Mark Johnstone resigned from the subcommittee. Commissioner Shute said that she put pictures of the maquettes on the Arts & Culture Alliance Facebook page and has been getting a lot of feedback. Several of the comments said that it would be nice to have the maquettes displayed in Post Falls, and Commissioner Shute wondered if there was any way to do that. Chairman Drake commented that CDA taxpayer money is paying for the art, and expressed concern about letting outside influences take precedence over things that the City is paying for. She noted that people from Post Falls are welcome to City Hall and comment on the maquettes. Mr. Tymesen said that they had a good idea to create a video with the maquettes and a little

background on the art, and asked if Chairman Drake or Councilmember Evans could narrate the video. Ms. Ferguson will send Chairman Drake the script.

UTILITY BOX BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT UPDATE:

Ms. Ferguson updated the commission on the status of the utility box wraps. She noted that she contacted CW Wraps and was informed that they have been delayed due to their installers being on vacation or working out of town this summer. The wraps should be scheduled for next week, and they promised to send Ms. Ferguson a schedule of the installs, which she will provide to the commissioners.

MAYOR’S AWARDS IN THE ARTS UPDATE / APPOINTMENT OF NEW SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR:

Chairman Drake said that former Commissioner Trudy Elliott has committed to help through the remainder of this year’s event. She noted that if anyone else wants to take on more of a role or be involved in the process, they are more than welcome. She also reminded the commissioners to make at least one nomination for the Mayor’s Awards. Discussion ensued regarding the ability of an artist to receive more than one recognition. Chairman Drake asked the commissioner members to think about it and be prepared to discuss at the meeting on September 11, at 4:00 p.m. Commissioner Groth and Commissioner Shute commented that they will be out of town on the 11th. Ms. Ferguson said that she will talk to the City Clerk about options for voting.

PLAQUES FOR ART PIECES:

Ms. Ferguson commented that there are quite a few art pieces that do not have plaques, and noted that the brass plaques are quite expensive. Commissioner Shute will do some research online and present to the commission next month.

UPCOMING DEDICATIONS:

Ms. Ferguson asked the commission for clarification on dedication ceremonies. Chairman Drake said that she doesn’t think that donations need to be dedicated, and that the library bike racks do not need to be dedicated, but if the library wanted to do something, they could. She will talk to the Library Director, Bette Ammon, to see if they want to do anything. It was agreed that dedication ceremonies should be scheduled for the larger projects.

“ACROBAT KIDS” DONATION:

Mr. Tymesen presented a request for donation of a bronze sculpture titled “Acrobat Kids.” He commented that the donor would like the piece to be placed at Phippeny Park. Mr. Tymesen noted that when he went before the council a couple of meetings ago with four donations of art, one of the concerns expressed was about “catalog” art. He noted that the “Acrobat Kids” sculpture can be purchased online for around \$7,000, and that staff has heard that the acceptance of “catalog” art would bring down the value of the City’s collection.

There was discussion on how children would interact with the art piece. Commissioner Shute expressed concern about the City becoming a “dumping house” for people who have pieces of art that they need to get rid of, and that the commission needs to be considerate of the pieces that they bring in to the collection.

Councilmember Evans recommended that the commission review their donation policy and make changes so that the issue of “catalog” art won’t be revisited again.

MOTION by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Larsen, that the offer of donation be declined. Motion carried.

“HONEY BUMBLE” DEDICATION RATIFICATION:

Mr. Tymesen explained that that artist wanted to get going on creation of the art piece to coincide with the restaurant opening, and that the commission had an opportunity to review the proposal previously. The artist and owner quickly filled out the paperwork, and it was presented to council for approval, with the commission having the opportunity to ratify the council’s vote. Mr. Tymesen said that presenting the proposal to the council for their decision was not meant to take anything away from the commission’s input and he appreciates the guidance that was provided.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding safety concerns, the sturdiness of the piece, ADA accessibility, public art versus advertising, and permanency of the location. Chairman Drake said that the commission has the right to move the piece, as they will own the art. There was further discussion about procedures and concern expressed about setting a precedent. Insurance issues for damage or injury were also discussed.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Larsen, to not accept the “Honey Bumble” sculpture into the arts collection.

DISCUSSION: Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the art piece. Commissioner Shute said that she feels that the Arts Commission is tasked with bringing in significant art that is relevant to what we have in our community, and that the commission needs to pay particular notice to donated art. Mr. Tymesen reminded the commission that they had already voted to ratify the council’s decision via email. He also noted that the City Engineer had approved the placement of the piece. There was further discussion regarding the relevance of the piece and how it would fit into the collection.

Mr. Tymesen said that the goal of the discussion today was to discuss the process and to explain why council made the first decision, not to revote. He apologized to the commission and commented that he was just trying to move things along.

Commissioners Bruning, Shute, and Larsen voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Groth, Drake and McCormack voted against the motion. Commissioner Runge abstained from voting.

Councilmember Evans said that she agreed with the comments presented today. Commissioner Groth said that he thinks that the commission and staff should learn from this experience and move forward as smoothly as possible for all concerned. Councilmember Evans agreed and said that this is a learning opportunity and would like the commission to review the donation policy, keeping these things in mind.

Mr. Tymesen commented that ideally things will go through the Arts Commission; however, sometimes flexibility is needed. He noted again that the commission ratified the council's decision via email and the purpose of the discussion at the meeting today was to discuss the process.

Chairman Drake suggested adding a scoresheet to the donation policy that can be used by the commission when evaluating proposed donations.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayors Awards in the Arts:

Commissioner Shute commented that Zac Ashenbrenner will be creating the awards again this year.

ArtCurrents:

See discussion above regarding distribution of brochures.

Arts Commission Applicant Review:

Chairman Drake said that she and Councilmember Evans will bring their recommendations forward to the commission, hopefully by the next meeting on September 11th.

Performing Arts:

Commissioner Groth said that he would like to create a structure or policy for downtown street performing. He noted that he will be talking to the Downtown Association.

Art on the Islands:

It was agreed to revisit this item after the donation policy has been revised.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Shute, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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