

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
September 11, 2018

Attendees: Jennifer Drake, John Bruning, Troy Tymesen, Teresa Runge, Amy Ferguson, Roberta Larson, David Groth (via Phone), 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 August 28, 2018. Motion carried.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by Commissioner Bruning, seconded by Commissioner McCormack, to approve the August, 2018 Financial Report. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

There were none.

STAFF COMMENTS:

There were none.

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENTS TO ARTS COMMISSION:

Chairman Drake said that she and Councilmember Evans met with Derek Kahler, and had previously met with Beverly Moss. They recommended appointment of Mr. Kahler and Ms. Moss to the Arts Commission. Chairman Drake noted that Mr. Kahler is an art teacher at Post Falls High School and current board chairman of the Jacklin Art Center.

Motion by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Runge, to recommend the appointment of Derek Kahler and Beverly Moss to the Arts Commission. Motion carried.

“INSPIRED” PUBLIC ART UPDATE:

Mr. Tymesen said that he has been in touch with Mr. Sanchez and an inspection of the welding has been completed. There are no concerns as Mr. Sanchez used a very qualified welder to assist with the base.

COMMISSIONER EXPECTATIONS & STANDARDS SURVEY UPDATE:

Commissioner McCormack said that she sent possible survey questions to Chairman Drake but thinks it would be in the best interest of the commission to wait until the new commissioners have been approved. She also sent Chairman Drake a scoring checklist for future donations, and

information about the public art process. Chairman Drake noted that they will have a little more of a formal orientation with the new members, and then the survey will go out after they are installed. She will forward the scoring sheet to staff for their review.

CHIEF MORRIS ANTELOPE RELOCATION UPDATE:

Commissioner Bruning said that he met with Chris Bosley on site. Mr. Bosley has to do some design work for the foundation so he is working on that. The City's street crew will be putting up the dike levee boards on the 18th, and as soon as that exercise is done, they can get to work on the relocation. Mr. Tymesen commented that he has received approval from NIC. Commissioner Bruning thanked Mr. Tymesen for all of his work on this project.

SELTICE WAY ROUNDABOUTS UPDATE:

Commissioner Runge said that everything is going well and thanked Ms. Ferguson for her assistance. She noted that the selection committee is meeting on October 1st and they have received confirmations from all six artists for the Skype interviews. The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will hopefully conclude by 11 or 12. The interviews are scheduled at 20 minute intervals starting at 8:20, with the last one ending at 10:00 a.m. She commented that her hope is that the interviews can be 10 minutes in length, rather than 20 minutes. She will be getting in touch with the subcommittee members to divvy up the reference calls.

UTILITY BOX BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT UPDATE:

Ms. Ferguson said that she spoke to Sam Carlino, the owner of CartWraps, and he assured her that he would be personally working on the installations this week, as time permits, and hopes to have them completed within the next week.

“REVENGE OF THE ANTS” PURCHASE OFFER:

Mr. Tymesen said that Jason Sanchez has offered to sell his ArtCurrents piece, “Revenge of the Ants” for the discounted price of \$3,750. Discussion ensued about the art piece remaining in its current location for the foreseeable future. Commissioner Runge asked how often the commission purchases ArtCurrents pieces. Chairman Drake said that ArtCurrents purchases have been in their budget for the last few years, and it has been under discussion how they do it, but they don't have a particular procedure.

Motion by Commissioner Runge, seconded by Commissioner McCormack, to purchase “Revenge of the Ants” by artist Jason Sanchez, for \$3,750. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DONATION OF “ENDURING SPIRIT”

Mr. Tymesen said that Steve and Dana Wetzel presented to the Arts Commission about six weeks ago regarding donation of the art piece entitled “Enduring Spirit.” He noted that he took their request to the council for their approval, and that the piece is an original work of art. The donors would like it to be located near the library, on the northeast corner, coming off of Front Avenue, in the flower bed, which is close to security cameras and lighting.

MOTION by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Runge, to approve the donation of “Enduring Spirit” by Steve and Dana Wetzel. Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF MAQUETTES AS SURPLUS UPDATE:

Mr. Tymesen said that he presented a staff report to the General Services Committee that asked council to declare maquettes as surplus. The staff report said that they can be used as an auction item, or donated to colleges, high schools, other entities, etc. Commissioner Runge said that they will select up to six to use for a silent auction at the Mayor’s Awards in the Arts. Commissioner Larsen commented that limiting the number of maquettes being auctioned makes them more precious. Mr. Tymesen noted that proceeds from the auction would come back to the commission, and that personal checks at the auction are acceptable.

PLAQUES FOR ART PIECES (CONTINUED DISCUSSION):

Commissioner Shute was not present to report. Mr. Tymesen said that there is some “catch up” needed in regard to plaques, and some visioning, since bronze plaques are very expensive.

“UNDERCURRENTS” DEDICATION UPDATE:

Ms. Ferguson presented the dates that were suggested by the artist. Mr. Tymesen said that they are working with the artist to seal the rock with a gloss finish. Monday, October 1st, at 5:00 p.m., was selected as the date for the dedication. Chairman Drake and Commissioner Larsen will say a few words, along with the artist. Ms. Ferguson will start planning the event.

MAYOR’S AWARDS IN THE ARTS – REVIEW/VOTE ON NOMINATIONS:

Discussion ensued regarding the one nomination received this year for the Student Excellence in the Arts award. It was noted that last year there was also only one nomination received. Options were discussed including reopening the nominations for an additional week, or foregoing the award this year. Commissioner Runge commented that she would hate not to award someone just because there was no competition, and doesn’t think it would be fair to the person who took the time to nominate. Commissioner Groth said that he agreed and suggesting changing the deadline for the Student award to the 1st of June to encourage the teachers to think about it and nominate someone before the end of the school year while they are still fresh with the current year students. There was also discussion about changing the criteria for the award and opening it up to college students next year.

After discussion, the following were chosen as recipients of the 2018 Mayor’s Awards in the Arts:

Excellence in the Arts: Allen & Mary Dee Dodge
Support of the Arts: Mike Dodge
Arts in Education: Jessica Bryant and Iris Siegler
Student Excellence in the Arts: Jack Bird

Chairman Drake said that she will provide special recognition in her remarks for the 50th Anniversary of the Citizens Council for the Arts.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:

Mayor's Awards in the Arts:

Chairman Drake said that the decorations are being reused from last year, with some minor updating. Emerge will be doing a display, and some maquettes will be up for silent auction.

ArtCurrents:

Ms. Ferguson said that the extension agreements have all been sent out, except for Teresa McHugh and Jason Sanchez.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Commissioner Bruning, seconded by Commissioner Runge, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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