

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
September 22, 2020
City Hall, Conference Room #6

Attendees in Person: Jennifer Drake, Amy Ferguson, Troy Tymesen, Pricilla Bell, Stephanie Padilla, John Bruning, Mary Lee Ryba

Attendees via ZOOM: Teresa Runge, Ali Shute, Lindsey Sichestiel

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: Motion by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to approve the August 25, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:

Ms. Ferguson noted that she is processing the payments for the ArtCurrents Extensions and Utility Box artwork, and has requested reimbursement from TDS for the wrapping of their utility boxes.

Ms. Padilla noted that funds have been disbursed for fixing the Feathers on Northwest Boulevard, and yesterday the City received the last bit of arts funding for this fiscal year from ignite. The Lake District received \$104,000, and the River District received \$30,000.

Mr. Tymesen said that ignite has amended their arts funding to 1%. He noted that part of the reason is that the art funds reserves have been growing. He also commented that legal council from ignite has confirmed that art dollars dedicated to a district can exist longer than the district lives. For instance, when the Lake District closes, if the dollars have not been spent, that is okay.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Ryba, to approve the August, 2020 Financial Report. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS:

There were none.

4 CORNERS RFQ UPDATE:

Commissioner Bruning said that 84 submissions have been received, which is a high number, but does not beat the record of approximately 120 submissions. The selection committee will be voting online by September 30, and will have their first in person meeting on October 7, at 3:00 p.m.

PERFORMING ARTS GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE:

Chairman Drake said that ignite gave the go ahead to pursue the Performing Arts Grant program, and they received nine applications back and narrowed it down to four potential recipients. The four finalists will present at the next ignite meeting and have been requested to talk about why they have applied for the grant, how it applies to URD funding, etc. The selection committee will meet again after the ignite meeting and will decide the funding amounts. Then it will come back to the Arts Commission for approval, and move forward from there. The four finalists are: Coeur d'Alene Symphony, Coeur d'Alene Summer Theatre, Inland Northwest Opera, and Chorale Coeur d'Alene.

Chairman Drake said that it has been a bit longer process than they expected, but they are all very pleased with the four finalists and think that the grants will really help the organizations out a lot.

UPDATE ON "INSPIRED" PUBLIC ART SCULPTURE:

Mr. Tymesen said that he did not have an update on the sculpture, and noted that it has been a challenge to get the artist to commit to anything right now. Councilmember Evans asked if the commission should develop a plan. Mr. Tymesen said that they could file a small claims suit, but the artist is a sole proprietor and it is a custom piece of art.

6TH & WALLACE INTERSECTION MURAL:

Chairman Drake said that a couple of months ago the neighbors at 6th & Wallace approached the commission regarding doing a mural at the intersection. Since that time they sent Chairman Drake their proposal for review by the commission. She noted that the commission had agreed that they should approve any proposed design. She further commented that the neighborhood would use an appropriate environmental paint. Mr. Tymesen asked if the intersection would be closed while the painting is being done, and that the City could assist with cones, barricades, etc. Chairman Drake said that she thought the entire neighborhood is planning on helping with the painting. Commissioner Ryba said that she would love to watch them doing it.

Commissioner Bell asked if there were those that would take great exception to the design. The commission agreed that the design was benign. Chairman Drake confirmed that the neighborhood would be paying for the supplies and doing all the work.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to approve the design for the mural at the intersection of 6th & Wallace. Motion carried.

Chairman Drake said that she will let the neighbors know and will also inform them that they will need to work with someone in the City regarding traffic issues.

CAFE CONTRACT RENEWAL:

Ms. Ferguson explained that she received a contract renewal for CaFE, which explained that the remaining call that the commission has purchased will need to be posted before the contract expires on November 1st, or it will no longer be usable. Discussion ensued regarding the Parking Garage and the possibility of getting the call written and approved by the next meeting of the

Arts Commission, so that it can be posted with an extended timeline. Chairman Drake, and Commissioners Shute and Ryba will start working on the draft call.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Ryba, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to renew the CAFE contract. Motion carried.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:

ArtCurrents: Commissioner Shute asked when she should start working on a call for the next round of ArtCurrents pieces. Chairman Drake suggested the end of spring, beginning of summer, for installation of the artwork in September or October.

Performing Arts: Ms. Ferguson will be scheduling the second meeting of the Performing Arts Grant selection committee. Chairman Drake said that the selection committee has already vetted the four applicants so the meeting would be to just figure out the grant award amount. Ms. Ferguson will send out an invitation and schedule a Zoom meeting.

Ped/Bike Brochure: Commissioner Shute said that they are waiting to start on that in the spring

Commissioner Shute invited the commissioners to the Art sale on Saturday, from Noon to 6, at the Coeur d'Alene Chamber. The symphony will be playing from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and they will have beer and wine.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Commissioner Bruning, seconded by Commissioner Shute, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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