

**ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**October 23, 2018**

**Attendees:** Jennifer Drake, John Bruning, Teresa Runge, Amy Ferguson, David Groth, Derek Kahler, Ali Shute, Amy Evans

**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 Shute, seconded by Commissioner Runge, to approve the Minutes of September 11, 2018. Motion carried.**

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

Commissioner Runge noted that this year’s Mayor’s Awards in the Arts came in under budget.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

There were none.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Ms. Ferguson presented a report on behalf of Mr. Tymesen since he is on vacation. She noted that the public art piece, “Inspired” is moving forward and there was nothing new to report. The City has completed the installation of all three donated art pieces (“The Valentine,” “The Acrobats,” and “Honey Bumble.”) The commission members were encouraged to check them out.

Mr. Tymesen also noted in his report that Commissioner Shute’s son witnessed a Food Service of Amerca truck hit the “Cindunia” art piece on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sherman. He has not heard what the damage is yet. Commissioner Shute noted that her son happened to be walking by when the accident happened, and the truck kept going. Her son filed a police report. It was noted that one of the “arms” of the statue is pretty badly damaged. They are hoping that because it was a Food Services of America truck that was delivering to the Resort, that they will be able to identify it.

**NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION:**

New Arts Commissioner Derek Kahler was welcomed to the commission. He noted that he is an art teacher at Post Falls High School and board chair of the Jacklin Arts & Cultural Center. He is originally from Montana and has been in the Coeur d’Alene/Post Falls area for the last eight or nine years.

### **MAYOR'S AWARDS IN THE ARTS DEBRIEF:**

Commissioner Shute said that the Mayor's Awards in the Arts was an amazing night, and she believes that it was the best they have had. She noted that the winners were extraordinary and the awards were stunning. Pamela Benton rocked the house and received a standing ovation. In regard to the silent auction, they will probably try a different spot next year. The auction made around \$1,100.

Councilmember Evans noted that Mr. Tymesen suggested having a big screen with the City's art collection rotating on the screen. Commissioner Groth also suggested also showing some of the winners' work on a big screen. Everyone was in agreement that former commissioner, Trudy Elliott, did an awesome job.

### **"UNDERCURRENT" DEDICATION DEBRIEF:**

Everyone agreed that the dedication went pretty well. Chairman Drake said that it would have been nice if more of the "process" would have been talked about. There was good weather, a good turnout, and the artist had some students and colleagues in attendance

### **APPROVAL OF SELECTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR SELTICE WAY ROUNDABOUTS PROJECT:**

Commissioner Runge explained the process for selection of the public art and noted that it is the largest project that the commission has had. She noted that this call was a little bit different and involved a request for qualifications. There were about 94 artists who submitted that were actually eligible. The call asked that the artist showcase projects that were greater than \$50,000. The selection committee narrowed the artists down to six finalists, who all submitted a maquette and proposal. Skype interviews were conducted on October 1<sup>st</sup> with each artist and the selection committee. Commissioner Runge discussed the scoring sheet that was used by the selection committee, and noted that David Boyer was selected as the winner for the roundabouts.

The art pieces are kinetic and move with the wind. The selection committee was impressed with the artist and Commissioner Runge noted that the artist had done some research for the project including speaking with the project engineer, and contacting Fish & Game and local concrete companies. Commissioner Runge talked to three references and the references commented that the artist is wonderful to work with, always on budget (if not under), and the artist himself will personally correct anything that goes wrong or make modifications as needed.

The selection committee had a couple of concerns regarding the selected art pieces, and noted that they thought that the birds looked like airplanes. Commissioner Runge asked the artist if he could revise his design so that the birds looked more like birds, and the artist said he could do that. There was also a question as to whether there was a way to "lock down" the pieces during heavy winds. In discussing the concern with the artist, he commented that it is not necessary and that he has constructed similar pieces for Reno and Colorado. In Colorado, all of their pieces are required to withstand 80 to 100 mile an hour winds, and there is not much to be worried about. Commissioner Runge also asked the artist about the elevation of the roundabouts and he was delighted and said it would be much easier for him to work with.

In regard to the kinetic nature of the pieces, the artist made it clear that they don't "spin," and it is actually a slow rotation in which the pieces move with the direction of the wind, much like a

weather vane. Commissioner Runge suggested that the artist could provide a “mock up” of his new design for the birds. Commissioner Kahler suggested angling up the wings a bit more, and Commissioner Shute suggested more of a beak.

Chairman Drake said that she felt that it has been a good process and she has received good feedback from the people involved. Ms. Ferguson mentioned that one of the things that the selection committee recommended for the next call would be to allow the committee to go online and weed out the submissions on CaFE first before meeting.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Runge, that the Arts Commission approve the recommendation of the selection committee of artist David Boyer and his proposal, “Swimming with Friends” and “Soaring with Friends” for the Seltice Way Roundabouts. Motion carried**

Ms. Ferguson clarified that the recommendation of the Arts Commission will most likely be presented by Mr. Tymesen to the General Services Committee before going to the full council.

**“INSPIRED” PUBLIC ART UPDATE:**

See update under “Staff Comments” above.

**UPDATE ON PUBLIC ART DONATION INSTALLATIONS:**

See update under “Staff Comments” above.

**COMMISSIONER EXPECTATIONS & STANDARDS SURVEY UPDATE:**

Chairman Drake said that before former commissioner Ashley McCormack left, she was discussing putting out a survey to the commissioners. Chairman Drake asked the commissioners to let her know if they have any specific ideas, questions or topics that they think should be in the survey. She will get the survey out before the next meeting so that the responses can be discussed at the meeting.

**CHIEF MORRIS ANTELOPE RELOCATION UPDATE:**

Commissioner Bruning said that the statue base has to be engineered and is in the process of being designed. The Streets & Engineering Department has been busy with other things. Commissioner Bruning also noted that Peter Mahoney has contacted Mr. Tymesen about some signage that he would like to work on. The Streets Department will pick up the statue and move it. Commissioner Bruning said that he is hoping to get the project completed before leaf pickup starts, but it may not happen until the spring.

**PLAQUES FOR ART PIECES:**

Commissioner Shute said that she has been trying to find some alternative options for plaques online but hasn’t been successful. She talked to North Idaho Trophy about pricing and submitting a design. If the commissioners were to submit a design, North Idaho Trophy could do a bronze that is not a cast, but is precision-tooled on a CNC router. If you view the routed and cast bronze plaques together you cannot really tell the difference. If the commission submits the design, a cast bronze 5 x 8 inch plaque is about \$180.00, plus shipping. The bronze routed

plaque is \$157.00, with turnaround of 4 weeks. There is also an option to do aluminum plaques, but Commissioner Shute said that she prefers the bronze. The added benefit is that the company is local.

Chairman Drake said that it would be easy to build the cost of the plaques into the budgets of future pieces. The biggest headache might be going back and reviewing the existing pieces to determine if plaques are needed.

It was agreed that a Plaques subcommittee should be formed. Commissioner Shute agreed to serve as committee chair, with Teresa Runge and possibly Bev Moss serving as committee members.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Chairman Drake reviewed the subcommittee members and the following changes were made:

#### Utility Box Beautification

Derek Kahler  
Roberta Larson

#### ArtCurrents

Ali Shute  
Teresa Runge

#### Riverstone Public Art

Roberta Larson, Chair  
Amy Evans

#### Performing Arts

David Groth

Commissioner Groth commented that he has started a conversation with Terry Cooper of the Downtown Association.

#### Ped/Bike Brochure for Art

Ali Shute

Ms. Ferguson will check on additional stands for the brochures.

#### Library Bike Racks

Chairman Drake noted that the rack for the upper level has been installed and the selected artist is working on the rack for the lower level.

#### Art on the Islands

The recently posted signs in the islands were discussed. Commissioner Shute said that if the commission decides to proceed with the project, they need to make sure that the pieces are well

chosen and placed so that they fit and don't become a complaint from the residents. She commented that she has received several comments from people who love the street and don't want the art there.

New Member Training/Policies

Councilmember Evans wondered if Bev Moss might be interested in working on this subcommittee as she might have some background that would be valuable.

Commissioner Groth thanked Chairman Drake for her work on the Mayor's Awards. Commissioner Shute said that she has a nice collection of photos and will create a Drop Box and invite everyone to view them.

Ms. Ferguson will talk to Mr. Tymesen about an Arts Commission Facebook page.

**ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to adjourn. Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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