

**ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2022
City Hall, Conference Room #6**

Attendees in Person: Executive Assistant Sherrie Badertscher, Chairman Mary Lee Ryba, Commissioner Priscilla Bell PhD, Commissioner John Bruning, Vice-Chairman Jennifer Drake, Commissioner Abby Light, Commissioner Katie Linder, City Accountant Stephanie Padilla, Alternate Student Representative Claire Swanby, Council Liaison Amy Evans.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to approve the Sep 13, 2022, minutes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Bruning, seconded by Commissioner Linder, to approve the September 2022, Financial Reports. **Motion carried.**

COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS:

Chairman Ryba said “The Monument to Peace and Unity” art piece, located at the Four Corners gateway to the City of Coeur d’Alene, was dedicated on September 23, 2022. The art was created by artist Ai Qui Hopen and was the finalist of 20 submissions. The statue is made of steel and stands at 24 feet tall. She thanked Committee Chair John Bruning and Committee members Amy Evans, Jennifer Drake, and Priscilla Bell for their hard work. She also thanked City staff including Sherrie Badertscher. She mentioned the Mayor’s Awards in the Arts were held on October 5, 2022, at the Hagadone Events Center and thanked Committee members Abby Light, Katie Linder, Priscilla Bell, and City staff Sherrie Badertscher and Stephanie Padilla for their great contributions to make the event a success. She also thanked Steven Shortridge for emceeding the event, Ashley Cleveland for singing the National Anthem, Coeur d’Alene Summer Theatre and the Inland Northwest Opera for their wonderful performances, honoree Abigail Stephens for performing the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto, and Matt Goodrich for playing the piano so beautifully throughout the ceremony. Commissioner Linder noted the Mayor’s Arts Awards was a great success and thanked Chairman Ryba for her work on the event. Commissioner Light thanked Jeni Hegsted and her team for coordinating the art display where seven (7) artists work was featured.

City Accountant Padilla mentioned she had met with the Downtown Association and there were many great events coming this holiday season and they may approach the Arts Commission for assistance with possible exhibits such as ice sculpture and lighting.

UPDATE ON THE OTOCAST AUDIO GUIDE PROJECT: Eric Feinstein, CEO of Otocast, LLC joined the meeting via Zoom and delivered an update on the project. He mentioned he had the art work and point of interest worked out and would need additional assistance with contacting the artists for a narrative of their art piece. He asked the Commission for assistance with contacting them. He mentioned if an artist was not available then someone else could record the narrative. He mentioned the guide could be updated as the narratives came in. Chairman Ryba volunteered to assist with contacting the artist. Mr. Feinstein mentioned there was a website version of the app available.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:

Utility Box Beautification: Executive Assistant Badertscher noted all remaining boxes had been completed as of Friday, October 21, 2022.

ArtCurrents: Chairman Ryba said five (5) new pieces had been installed this month. City Accountant Padilla mentioned “Responding to a Rival” which had been installed on October 3, had been purchased and the City received 25% commission on the \$5,800 sale. Executive Assistant Badertscher noted “Mi Paloma Brilla” located at Riverstone Park, had received some damage to the glass in one of the wings and would be repaired by the artist in the coming week.

Arts Commission Applicant Review: Vice Chairman Drake said she, Chairman Ryba and Council Liaison Evans had met with two (2) applicants; Kate Walker, and Alesa Momerak. She said both were good candidates, and they recommended them for appointment to the Arts Commission. All Commissioners were in favor of forwarding the recommendation to the Mayor.

East Sherman Arch Project: Vice Chairman Drake said she would be gathering information on the project and would be forming the subcommittee in the next couple months. Executive Assistant Badertscher mentioned she had been contacted by a property owner in the area who wished to assist with the project and would get the information to Vice Chairman Drake.

Four Corners Entrance: Commissioner Bruning noted the art installation went well and the dedication was held on Friday, September 23, with approximately 50 Sorenson Magnet School 3rd-5th graders in attendance. He said he had received photo collages from the artist and distributed them to the classes who attended the dedication.

Riverstone Stage Shade Structure: Commissioner Light mentioned the Arts & Cultural Alliance were fundraising the last \$35,000 for the structure and Ali Shute would like to give an update to the Arts Commission at a future meeting.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Light, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting ended at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sherrie L. Badertscher
Executive Assistant