ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2022
City Hall, Conference Room #6

Attendees in Person:  Executive Assistant Sherrie Badertscher, Accountant Stephanie Padilla, Commissioner John Bruning, Commissioner Abby Light, Commissioner Lindsey Sichelstiel, Commissioner Bev Moss, Student Representative Adeline Smith, Commissioner Priscilla Bell PhD, Vice-Chairman Jennifer Drake, Commissioner Katie Linder.

Attendees via Zoom:

Guest: Linda Putz

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Groth, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to approve the April 26, 2022, minutes.  Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT:

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Bruning, seconded by Commissioner Sichelstiel, to approve the May 2022, Financial Reports.  Motion carried.

UPDATE ON CENTENNIAL TRAIL UNDERPASS MURAL “IT’S A CUTFTHROAT WORLD”: Vice-Chairman Drake said she visited the mural and shared photos with the Commissioners. She noted the northeast corner had the most damage, and the rest of the mural’s outside edges showed light peeling. She stated the areas of the mural that were protected by the overpass were in great shape. She asked the Commissioners for input on options, with Commissioner Groth responding he would like to change the edge of the mural, perhaps painting it black where the paint was peeling. He said a border around the mural may help to keep deicer from splashing on it. Commissioner Bell asked if that would impact the integrity of the mural, with Vice-Chairman Drake responding they could follow it down at an angle and it could be done tastefully. Chairman Ryba asked how many feet would be involved, with Vice-Chairman Drake responding approximately three (3’) feet. She said scraping the damaged areas off and strategically painting it black along the edge and sealing the intact areas would be her recommendation to maintain it. Commissioner Bell asked if there were any copyrights involved, with Vice-Chairman Drake responding the Arts Commission/City were charged with maintaining the art collection.
Commissioner Bell requested that sketches of the proposed revised mural be brought forward at the time of discussion and approval of the budget for the project.

**MOTION:** Motion by Vice-Chairman Drake, seconded by Commissioner Runge, to move forward with trying to remedy the situation by speaking with artists and preparing a budget for discussion at a future meeting. **Motion carried.**

**SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**Mayor’s Awards in the Arts:** Chairman Ryba mentioned they were looking at October 5, 2022, for the next event. Executive Assistant Badertscher said she would check with the Mayor on his availability. Chairman Ryba asked if any other Commissioners would like to volunteer for the committee, with Commissioner Linder responding in the affirmative. Commissioner Runge suggested contacting past Arts Commissioner Trudy Elliot for planning assistance with the event.

**Utility Box Beautification:** Executive Assistant Badertscher mentioned she had been contacted by two (2) members of the public requesting utility box wraps in front of their homes in which they were willing to pay the costs and asked if it was something to consider. Commissioner Sichelstiel asked if they were in fact utility boxes and said she would follow up with the request. Commissioner Light volunteered for the subcommittee.

**ArtCurrents:** Chairman Ryba said they had selected the subcommittee members. She noted the call closes on July 8, and the first meeting with the subcommittee was scheduled for July 18.

**Arts Commission Applicant Review:** Vice-Chairman Drake encouraged Commissioners to get the word out as there were two (2) vacancies on the Commission.

**Audio Guide:** Commissioner Bruning stated he had received the contact information for the guide developer and had not yet heard any updates on the project. Executive Assistant Badertscher mentioned the contract had recently been fully executed and work on the project would be starting very soon.

**East Sherman Arch:** Vice-Chairman Drake stated she would be setting a meeting soon in order to set the project budget and expected the call to go out in the next fiscal year.

**Four Corners Entrance:** Commissioner Bruning noted they were looking to install the art work on July 26. Accountant Padilla noted she had secured the City permit. Commissioner Bell said she was excited to see the project installed. Commissioner Bruning said he would work with Accountant Padilla and Executive Assistant Badertscher on the dedication ceremony.

**4th Street Parking Garage:** Vice-Chairman Drake said the project was moving along well, and installation was scheduled for July 11 & 12. She would work with Executive Assistant Badertscher on the dedication details.
Riverstone Shade Structure: Commissioner Light said the project was expected to be completed next year, and once completed would be transferred to the City. She mentioned the first concert of the season was on Thursday, June 30.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Chairman Ryba stated the Coeur d’Alene Summer Theatre’s production of Mama Mia was premiering Friday, July 1. Commissioner Bruning mentioned there was a Bear Waterfront project currently going in at Riverstone. He said there were homes being built that required a driveway easement across the trail. In exchange for the easement and relocation of the trail, they would be providing a substantial greenbelt project just west of Beebe Boulevard and it would be a nice addition to the trail. He said a railroad history memorial would be a part of the project.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Groth, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to adjourn the meeting.  **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting ended at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sherrie L. Badertscher
Executive Assistant