

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
April 27, 2021
City Hall, Conference Room #6

Attendees in Person: Chairman Jennifer Drake, Executive Assistant Sherrie Badertscher, Accountant Stephanie Padilla, Commissioner Mary Lee Ryba, Commissioner John Bruning, Commissioner Bev Moss, Commissioner Lindsay Sichelstiel, Commissioner Teresa Runge.

Guest in Person: Joel Bevacqua.

Commissioner Attendees via ZOOM: Ali Shute and David Groth.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jennifer Drake called the meeting to order.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Groth, to approve the March 23, 2021 minutes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT:

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Sichelstiel, to approve the March 2021, Financial Report. **Motion carried.**

UPDATE ON “INSPIRED” PUBLIC ART SCULPTURE: City Administrator Troy Tymesen stated he has been attempting to reach artist Jason Sanchez, with no response, and will be visiting Mr. Sanchez’ work studio and would provide an electronic update to the Commissioners next week.

THIRD (FOURTH) STREET GARAGE PUBLIC ART UPDATE: Chairman Drake stated the selection committee met on April 21, to vote on the 28 finalist and selected the final five (5) which would move forward to the next step. She said a couple of the artists were from the pacific northwest. The finalist were: Manca Ahlin of New York, Louis Chinn of Washington, Celeste Cooning of Washington, Lydia Aldredge of Washington, and Volkan Alkanoglu of Oregon. The artist have been contacted and the maquettes will be due June 29.

“THE CLIMB” PURCHASE OFFER: Mr. Tymesen stated the art piece had previously been in purchase negotiations with an outside buyer for the amount of \$12,000, which would have netted the artist \$9,000 after the City’s 25% commission. He stated he made the artist an offer of \$9,000, with the artist accepting it. He said the purchase offer would be presented at the next Council meeting for their approval. Chairman Drake stated the art piece would be a good fit at the east corner of City Park.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Runge, to approve the purchase of “The Climb” in the amount of \$9,000. **Motion carried**

FUNDING PROPOSAL FOR THE MURAL PROJECT AT SORENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Chairman Drake mentioned local artist Melissa Cole was working on a mosaic mural on the outside wall of Sorenson Elementary School this week and she would like the Commission to provide them with funding for the project. She said the project has received a \$4,000 grant from the Idaho Commission on the Arts and all other funding was coming from the artist’s budget. Commissioner Shute asked what the project budget was, with Chairman Drake responding \$7,000. City Administrator Troy Tymesen mentioned reimbursement for supplies would be the preferred method of providing assistance.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Ryba, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to approve funding, with the submission of paperwork for reimbursement of materials and labor, in the amount of up to \$3,000 for the Sorenson School Mural Project. **Motion carried**

PUBLIC ART DONATION: Commissioner Shute stated the artist was moving and was offering to donate the art piece “Noto Thistle” to the City, or leave it on permanent loan with the City.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Runge, seconded by Commissioner Moss, to accept the donation of the art piece “Noto Thistle.” **Motion carried**

PUBLIC ART DONATION: Commissioner Shute stated she was contacted by artist Michael Dunton’s parents about his art piece “Cor Leonis.” The artist is formerly from Coeur d’Alene, and his parents were proposing to purchase the art piece and donate it to the City. The art piece is lit by solar power and the artist is requesting up to \$2,500 for moving expenses and providing a solar bench (value \$1,250). The art piece is valued at \$35,000. If the solar bench was not needed the artist would alter the base and wire it for regular lighting. Mr. Tymesen stated the preference would be to wire it for regular LED lighting as the solar bench may not be sustainable. He also said the City would provide the concrete base. Mr. Tymesen mentioned East Sherman Avenue may be a good home for it.

Commissioner Groth mentioned the new donated art piece may be well suited to be housed by the new Bakery by the Lake location on Coeur d’Alene Lake Drive. Mr. Tymesen mentioned the area has been planned for downsizing from the current five (5) lanes of traffic, to include the creation of a separate trail space heading eastbound. He mentioned art piece moveability should be considered as there would be additional opportunities in the area soon.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Runge, to accept the donation of the art piece “Cor Leonis” with consideration for lighting, shipping, and location. **Motion carried**

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:

Mayor's Awards in the Arts: Commissioner Shute stated they continue to look at the date of October 6, and the packets are ready for distribution. She said she will be doing a press release, web blast, and posting on the arts website. She mentioned the applications are due by the end of August and she was hoping for a lot of public input. Commissioner Moss asked if past winners were listed on nomination papers, with Commissioner Shute stating they have been added in recent years.

Utility Box Beautification Project: Commissioner Moss mentioned they have received a few updates and there was one (1) box destroyed during the January windstorm which has been replaced and would require a wrap. She said the boxes at Sherman Avenue and Independence Point, 1st through 5th Street boxes will be replaced this summer due to traffic signal upgrades. Mr. Tymesen stated due to the traffic signal upgrades an idea has been brought forward to develop a downtown area map, with a QR code, which would show parking, dining, etc. and would be brought back for further discussion in the future. He said the traffic lighting upgrade project was being funded by the State of Idaho and was scheduled to start soon.

ArtCurrents: Commissioner Runge stated they will be sending the call out in May, and the subcommittee would be meeting soon to finalize the details. Mr. Tymesen stated there were a few updates on the current art pieces, including the removal of "Pier 56" due to damage, "Girly Curl" would be removed on May 5th with the artist returning the \$600 stipend, and the donation of "Noto Thistle" to the City as discussed earlier during the meeting.

Ped/Bike Brochure for Art: Commissioner Shute stated they were having trouble contacting the City's GIS Coordinator Debbie Frisbee. Mr. Tymesen mentioned that Ms. Frisbee had retired Nick McCausland was hired as the new GIS Coordinator, and Ms. Badertscher would email Commissioner Shute the contact information.

Public Art Plaques: Commissioner Shute stated plaques would be done at the same time as the new plaques for the ArtCurrents.

Storm Drain Art: Commissioner Groth stated Sorenson Elementary and Winton Elementary are going to complete three (3) storm drains in May.

Mr. Tymesen mentioned in relation to Storm Drain Art, storm water drainage will be diverted to the 215+ acre US-95 Northwest Boulevard Swale project and not continue to overflow into the Coeur d'Alene Lake/Spokane River. He stated the project was viewed in such a positive light; a grant was received at the conclusion of the project from the Department of Lands. He said the Swale project would likely receive awards in the future for the diversion efforts. He mentioned in the future, another 140 acres would be coming offline as the City was building another swale near the Bureau of Land Management land.

Budget: City Accountant Stephanie Padilla stated she would contact Chairman Drake and Commissioner Shute to set a meeting.

OTHER UPDATES: Commissioner Shute asked everyone to tune in to listen to next Friday's Artcast (podcast) which would be featuring guest Commissioner Groth.

Chairman Drake mentioned it was time to work on the next project/call and asked Commissioners to think of possible projects, and they would discuss possibilities at the next meeting.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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