

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
November 24, 2020
City Hall, Conference Room #6

Attendees in Person: Amy Ferguson, Stephanie Padilla, John Bruning, Troy Tymesen

Attendees via ZOOM: Ali Shute, Teresa Runge, Lindsey Sichelstiel, Sienna Hepworth, David Groth, Zoey Hart, Jennifer Drake, Amy Evans, Bev Moss, Priscilla Bell

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 Shute, to approve the October 27, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

REVIEW/CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Runge, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to approve the October, 2020 Financial Report. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS: There were none.

UPDATE ON 4 CORNERS PUBLIC ART PROJECT:

Ms. Ferguson noted that the maquettes are due by December 1st.

DISCUSSION RE: 4-CORNERS PUBLIC ART ONLINE SURVEY:

Ms. Ferguson explained that one of the artists, Gareth Curtiss, had requested that photos of the artists' past work be available for viewing by the public during the online public comment portion of the Request for Qualifications, because he was concerned that the maquette might not be a good representation of the general quality of the artist's work. Amy explained how the online public comment would work by using a survey from Survey Monkey. Commissioner Bell expressed concern about non-tech savvy people being able to participate, and Ms. Ferguson explained that the survey would involve clicking on a link that would be provided, and the actual survey itself would contain a descriptive section with the artist statements, maquette images, and a link to each artist's previous work, and that the only two questions on the survey would be for the survey taker to select their favorite art piece, and then to make additional comments if they wanted to.

Chairman Drake said that she thought it was a good solution. She also noted that it would be the first time that the maquettes were being displayed online, so they will see what interest they get,

and commented that they are not asking the public to do more than they have had to do in the past – they are just doing it in a different way.

Councilmember Evans suggested putting a slide together demonstrating the website and a quick tutorial which she could present during council comments. Chairman Drake agreed and said that she thought it would help in getting the word out. Councilmember Evans thanked Ms. Ferguson for her work on the project.

Commissioner Bell commented that one of the most diverse places in the community is the college, and asked if the commission could put something in NIC’s communications network about the project and encourage students to vote. Commissioner Runge said that they might be able to do it if the timing works out well, and it might be an interesting assignment for the arts and humanities classes. She commented that it might be interesting to reach out to a number of instructors and put something out on NIC Now. Commissioner Bell suggested that Tyler Sea, who runs the podcast for NIC, could maybe do something on his show. Chairman Drake agreed that it was a great idea.

PERFORMING ART GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE:

Mr. Tymesen informed the commission that the grant agreements had been sent out, and the grantees will send invoices and documentation as they request funds. He congratulated the commission on the work that they did on the program, and said that as a result they were able to push \$100,000 out into the hands of entities that desperately need it. He also thanked Ms. Ferguson for her work on the project.

UPDATE ON “INSPIRED” PUBLIC ART SCULPTURE:

Mr. Tymesen said that he has spoken to Mr. Sanchez and suggested that the art could be delivered by February, 2021. Mr. Sanchez said that he is almost halfway through powder coating, and the piece needs some more sand blasting. It will be 40 feet tall when it is finished, and Mr. Sanchez has set up with a reliable company to install it. Mr. Tymesen is hoping to receive pictures in the next couple of days of the work that has been done and will forward them to the commission upon receipt.

SETTING OF PROJECT BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR THIRD (FOURTH) STREET GARAGE PUBLIC ART RFQ:

Chairman Drake explained that it was discovered that the commission had never agreed on a budget for the Fourth Street Parking Garage project. The RFQ was posted to the website without the budget amount, but Ms. Ferguson can add the information as soon as the commission makes a decision. Chairman Drake suggested a budget of \$45,000. Mr. Tymesen provided an image of the proposed artwork location on the garage. Chairman Drake said that she thought that the artwork was going to be street facing. Mr. Tymesen will have a new photo and measurements prepared to add to the online RFQ.

Commissioner Moss questioned if \$45,000 was adequate to do a large piece. Commissioner Shute said that she was thinking of \$75,000. Chairman Drake said that the funds would be coming out of the Lake District, which has a healthy budget. Commissioner Shute asked about other projects in the Lake District that had been discussed. Chairman Drake said that the

commission has done an excellent job of saturating busy points of the Lake District and she can't think of anything that they would be sacrificing to do the Fourth Street Parking Garage project with a healthier budget.

Commissioner Groth commented that \$45,000 seems like a lot for the amount of space, and compared it to the \$175,000 budgeted for the Seltice Way roundabouts. Commissioner Shute said that she has had conversations with Terry Lee about his projects and how much it costs to do quality projects and that the artist should be adequately compensated. Commissioner Groth said that it is a highly visible location with lots of traffic. Chairman Drake agreed and said that it would be a project on a vertical wall which would need to be highly secured and that would require a certain chunk of the budget too.

MOTION by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to set the budget for the Fourth Street Parking Garage Public Art project at \$75,000. Motion carried.

Ms. Ferguson said that she will post the budget information on the online RFQ and work with Mr. Tymesen on getting a new image and measurements.

DECISION RE: DECEMBER ARTS COMMISSION MEETING:

Ms. Ferguson mentioned that it has been customary for the Arts Commission not to meet in December. Commissioner Bell asked about the timing on the Four Corners project, and if a meeting in December was necessary. Chairman Drake said that the commission can call a special meeting if something comes up.

MOTION by Commissioner Groth, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, that the next meeting of the Arts Commission will be in January, 2021. Motion carried.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:

Ped/Bike Brochure: Commissioner Shute said that the subcommittee will wait until at least January to move forward.

Public Art Plaques: Commissioner Shute said that the subcommittee will probably not be working on this project until early spring.

MOTION by Commissioner Shute, seconded by Commissioner Bruning, to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Ferguson
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