ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2022
City Hall, Conference Room #6

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

Attendees Via Zoom: Chairman Mary Lee Ryba

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Bruning, seconded by Commissioner Bell, to approve the July 26, 2022, minutes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Groth, to approve the August 2022, Financial Reports. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS: Commissioner Bell asked to be added to ArtCurrents and Mayor’s Awards in the Arts subcommittees. Chairman Ryba mentioned “The Miner” sculpture was dedicated on Monday, August 15, at 3:00 p.m. There were over 100 people in attendance and she wished to thank City staff for all their help coordinating the dedication. She said Mayor Hammond, Phil Baker of Hecla Mining Company, and artist Terry Lee spoke during the event. City Administrator Tymesen thanked Bill Buley of CdA Press for their coverage of the art piece and dedication. He noted the Arts Commission’s FY 2022-2023 Budget had been approved. He said the Performing Arts Grants had been disbursed in full to three (3) of the four (4) grantees and Chorale had just under $1800 of their grant funds remaining. Chairman Ryba stated there were many performing arts groups who had made recent comebacks and the grant funds helped with their return. She also thanked Mr. Buley for his help with spreading the word about arts in the community.

SELECTION AND APPROVAL OF MAYOR’S AWARDS IN THE ARTS RECIPIENTS:

Commissioner Ryba read the guidelines for the nominations. She mentioned that some of the submittals were incomplete and asked if the Commissioners would prefer to remove them from consideration, with the Commissioners responding the issue would resolve itself. The Commissioners went over the nominations for the following categories: Excellence in the Arts, Support of the Arts, Arts in Education, and Student Excellence in the Arts. After discussion of the
merits of each nominee, the Commissioners voted by secret ballot and the following individuals were selected:

- Excellence in the Arts: Jim Phillips
- Support of the Arts: Trigger Weddle
- Arts in Education: Deborah Loy-Linde
- Student Excellence in the Arts: Abigail Stephens

**SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**Mayor’s Awards in the Arts:** Chairman Ryba said the awards ceremony had been scheduled for October 5, 2022, at the Hagadone Event Center.

**Arts Commission Applicant Review:** Vice-Chairman Drake said they had received an application, the applicant was a good candidate, and they would be scheduling an interview soon.

**Audio Guide:** Commissioner Bruning stated they would need to include “The Monument to Peace and Unity” in the guide and would work with City staff to include it.

**Four Corners Entrance:** Commissioner Bruning noted the art installation would begin on September 22, and they were looking at scheduling the dedication on Friday, September 23. He was working with Sorenson Magnet School to coordinate an appropriate time to have a class present at the dedication.

**Ped/Bike Brochure:** Commissioner Moss stated the new brochure had been completed and they had been distributed throughout the city and encouraged commissioners to take a handful and distribute at their leisure.

**Public Art Plaques:** Commissioner Moss asked what was the purpose of the subcommittee and the scope of the project. Vice-Chairman Drake explained they were looking for uniformity of permanent art plaques as there were some plaques missing or those that didn’t look like any of the others.

**Riverstone Stage Shade Structure:** City Administrator Tymesen noted he had been contacted by Ali Shute who advised they would like to sign a contract with Ginno Construction (Ginno) for the project. He said they would utilize the Parks Foundation to enter in to the contract with Ginno and track the project funding. He said Ms. Shute had relayed that they had been fundraising and would be holding another fundraising event in November. The project had received monetary pledges, a construction gift from Ginno, and the Arts & Cultural Alliance signed a pledge to fulfill fundraising needs.
MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Moss, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting ended at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Executive Assistant