

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



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Commission Chair

~Minutes~

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Staff Liaison

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**Tuesday
September 10, 2019**

5:00 PM

**City Council Chambers
206 E Third St**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM

PRESENT: David Wilson, Christine Gilmore Vice Chair, Sandra Stoops, Katherine Clancy, Diane Walker, Robert C. Caisley, Linnea Sheneman, Donna Woolston, Aaron Johnson, Caitlin Caldwell,

ABSENT: Lauren McCleary Chair, Cindy Barnhart,

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Megan Cherry, Staff Liaison; Art Bettge, Council Liaison; DJ Scallorn, Administrative Specialist;

Welcome and Attendance

Vice Chair Gilmore called the meeting to order.

Regular Agenda

- 1. Approval of Moscow Arts Commission August 13, 2019 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**
Walker moved that the August 13, 2019 minutes be approved; Wilson seconded. Motion carried.
- 2. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 minutes)**
Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the commission. Please state your name and address for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

No public comment.

Reports

1. Arts & Culture Education

The Subcommittee is working on language for the Strategic Plan.

[Woolston arrived to the meeting]

2. Events & Programs

Gilmore said the Subcommittee is discussing Moscow Artwalk and asked the Commission questions to help improve the event. The group discussed the following questions:

1. What is Artwalk's purpose?

- It brings art to the community
- Engages businesses
- Showcase for local/regional artists
- The low barrier to entry makes the event accessible to all
- Elevates/affirms Moscow's identity as a center for the arts

[Johnson arrived to the meeting]

2. What is going well in Artwalk?

- There is a high level of community involvement
- Many people know about it
- It's fun!

[Caldwell arrived to the meeting]

3. What elements of Artwalk are in need of growth or change?

- Work with legal/admin to let people walk freely with alcohol throughout the event
- Provide guidance for the relationship between businesses and artists
 - o Arts Staff could provide a FAQ/Best Practices/MOU sheet with tips for conversations about installation, sales/tax handling, commission, insurance & security for the art.
- Mixing the main stage music with theater and dance
- Work toward a better balance for all the arts – music, visual, theater, dance
- Make the Third Street Gallery an enticing space for artists
- Host a MAC table during the event

[Stoops left the meeting]

Gilmore said the Subcommittee will be at the Moscow Farmers Market on Saturday, September 14 to stamp painting surfaces for Palouse Plein Air. Johnson said the event's guest juror, Scott Gellatly, will teach a workshop and adjudicate the exhibition. Discussion ensued regarding allowing artists under the age of 18 to participate in Palouse Plein Air 2020, including the creation of a youth award and a section of the exhibition dedicated to younger artists.

3. Public Art

Clancy said the C & Main project selection has begun with the 1st round of selection looking at samples of work artists have done. The top 3 finalists that are selected will then create proposals for the project.

4. Third Street Gallery

Walker said the closing reception for George Wray's exhibition will feature an artist discussion panel. The next exhibition, Wood & Word, will feature poetry and woodworking.

Scope and Vision Statement

Walker presented the Third Street Gallery Scope and Vision draft for the Strategic Plan which will be voted on at the next meeting.

[Sheneman left the meeting]

5. Volunteer Hour Tally

A sheet was passed around for the Commission members to record their volunteer hours served.

6. Manager's Notes:

Social Media Update

Cherry said at the last meeting there was a desire for the Commission to have a Facebook account and that she had an update from City Administration on the request. The Moscow Farmers Market has its own Facebook and puts out many posts every week, but the Arts Commission doesn't produce a volume of content sufficient to justify its own Facebook or Instagram. The City of Moscow's Facebook page is the central location for events and announcements and has over 6,000 followers. Discussion ensued regarding the benefits of boosting a post on Facebook, and the group recognized that social media isn't the only advertising avenue used for arts events and programs.

Commission Survey Update

The Commission survey is distributed as a physical paper survey to a random selection of 1,200 individuals. When the surveys are received, the answers are compiled and distributed. The Commission submitted several questions for the 2019 survey in a previous meeting. One question that will be refined by City Administrative staff regards the identification of future public art locations. The concern is that someone may identify a location unsuitable for public art installation, creating expectations that cannot be fulfilled. The question might also confuse the public's understanding of the public art master plan's purpose.

[Caisley left the meeting]

Announcements

1. **Third Street Gallery Subcommittee (third Thursday of the Month)**
Next meeting: September 19 at 10:30 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room
2. **Arts & Culture Education Subcommittee (third Thursday of the Month)**
Next meeting: September 19 at 5:00 p.m. at Appearances Marketing & Promotion
3. **Public Art Subcommittee (fourth Tuesday of the Month)**
Next meeting: September 24 at 4:00 p.m. at Appearances Marketing & Promotion
4. **Events & Programs Subcommittee (fourth Wednesday of the Month)**
Next meeting: September 25 at 11:00 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM

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D. Scallan

Clerk/Deputy Signature