

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



Lauren McCleary
Commission Chair

~Minutes~

Megan Cherry
Staff Liaison

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**Tuesday
August 11, 2020**

5:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. 3rd St.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:21 p.m.

PRESENT: Lauren McCleary, Chair; Christine Gilmore, Vice-Chair; Cindy Barnhart; Katherine Clancy; Sonja Foard; Aaron Johnson; Sandra Stoops; Diane Walker; Donna Woolston

ABSENT: Robert C. Caisley; Linnea Sheneman; David Wilson

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Megan Cherry, Staff Liaison; Anne Zabala, Council Liaison; Kelly Jennings, Programs Coordinator

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

Chair McCleary called the meeting to order.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Reading of the Mission Statement

The mission of the Moscow Arts Commission is to enrich the community by celebrating and cultivating the expression of all art forms and culture.

Values:

- Recognize and promote artists' value by creating opportunities for work to be experienced.
- Facilitate and promote the social, educational, and economic value of all art forms and culture in the community.
- Provide leadership and act as a resource in the conversation of all art forms and culture with partner agencies, city leaders, and the community.

The Commission's mission statement and values were read aloud by Clancy.

2. Approval of Moscow Arts Commission July 14, 2020, Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Clancy moved that the July 14, 2020, minutes be approved; Foard seconded. The motion carried.

3. 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.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

4. Mayor's Arts Awards Artist Selection

McCleary opened discussion, noting that typically a local artist was selected to create the awards.

Woolston said she was enamored of Casey Doyle's ceramic clouds right now. Gilmore stated that the Artwalk poster artist for 2020/2021, Kevin Rhodes, has work that could make a good award piece. Clancy spoke about another local ceramic artist, Carolyn Guy, who does ceramics. Johnson added some UI graduate students are doing good work that could also be appropriate.

Gilmore asked what the budget is at this time. Cherry said the Mayor's Arts Awards will not be an event this year; instead it will be an announcement, so it's possible that there could be more funding this year. However, for continuity with previous years, the amount per award has typically been \$100.

The group discussed the number of and categories for making the awards. Gilmore stated that last year MAC estimated the number of awards prior to commissioning the award, which resulted in extra awards on hand.

McCleary stated that MAC members would need a way to access the potential nominees' art in advance of the September meeting so that MAC could make an informed decision at the regular September meeting. Cherry will share links to the artist's work with MAC. Cherry suggested bringing this topic back for an action item at the regularly scheduled September meeting. She stated that all discussion of the awards would be taking place in the MAC since there will not be subcommittee meetings until after the new administrative specialist is on board.

Cherry advised MAC that nominations for the Mayor's Arts Awards would likely close at the end of September, and MAC would review the nominations during the regular October meeting. There would be an opportunity to announce the winners later in the year.

There was discussion that in the past the artist commissioned to create the award artist has been given an option to include each awardee's name as part of the piece or to leave an appropriate space for an engraved marker with the awardee's name and the title of the award to be added to the piece.

5. FY20 MAC Fund Discussion

Cherry provided an update of FY20 MAC funds. She provided a photo of the new MACactivities tent and stated that after that expense, there is \$500 left in the fund. Clancy and McCleary said that they would like to do another MACactivities offering. Foard stated that Prichard would like to participate if a second MACactivities Toolbox was created. McCleary referenced an idea about a theater/puppet-themed Toolbox. McCleary also referenced prior discussions of promotional events and items. Woolston mentioned a workshop created for Winter Carnival in 2019, which had been well-received by the public. McCleary stated the whole amount could be devoted to supplies.

Johnson likes the idea of art supplies. Clancy agreed that using for supplies and future MACactivities events. McCleary asked if the funds could be used for curriculum development and Cherry affirmed that was a possibility if the funding were adequate for that. Cherry also stated that one anticipated option had been artist lectures.

Walker stated a desired to see exterior signage on the City Hall building that would improve what is currently in place. Cherry noted that A-boards with program graphics on them have already been purchased; MAC responded positively to the information. Cherry also shared that 37 MACactivities Art Outside! Toolboxes have been given to the public at no cost through the Motor-In Market; 13 Toolboxes remain.

Cherry asked if the Zoom participants agreed with spending the funds on supplies for puppet-themed MACactivities. Foard suggested that in addition to the Toolbox, perhaps the lesson plans could be made available electronically on the Arts Department's website for download by the

public.

REPORTS

1. Palouse Plein Air

Johnson reported there was a great deal of interest due to the openness of the opportunity this year due to the remote nature of the event. He noted that location this year is not restricted to the Palouse, which is part of what is generating additional interest in participation since artists from out of town could participate. Johnson reported that Katy Ann Fox, Programs and Events Assistant at the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson Hole, WY, has agreed to act as juror. Cherry updated MAC about the mechanics of the competition this year, including that each artist will take a photo of their entry onsite to authenticate provenance, and will submit those electronically along with finished works for online exhibition. Since there won't be reception expenses, those resources have been shifted to goody bags for each registered artist.

2. Volunteer Hour Tally

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

3. Manager's Report

- **CARES Act Funding**

Cherry explained the CARES Act grant funding opportunity available through the Idaho Commission on the Arts. Cherry presented this opportunity to the Public Works Finance Committee on August 10, 2020, seeking their direction to complete the application. She will complete the relatively simple application and if awarded, the funds will support Third Street Gallery operations. Gilmore stated she has filled out an application in the past and briefly described her experience with it. She said at the time she completed the application there was a caveat that the funds were restricted to particular types of expenses, including personnel costs and artist contracts.

Clancy asked if the admin specialist has been selected. Cherry replied that there would be someone in place by the end of the month.

Cherry also stated that the updated Public Art Map would be available to the public soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Moscow Arts Commission

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 8 at 5:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers

ADJOURN

Johnson moved for adjournment and Clancy seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

