

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



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Chair

~Minutes~

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Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020

5:00 PM

**ZOOM/Arts Office
206 E. 3rd St.**

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cynthia Barnhart, Robert Caisley, Katherine Clancy, Sonja Foard, Christine Gilmore, Aaron Johnson, Linnea Sheneman, Sandra Stoops, Diane Walker, David Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lauren McCleary, Donna Woolston

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Megan Cherry (Staff Liaison), Anne Zabala (City Council Liaison), Britnee Christen (Arts & Community Events Administrative Specialist)

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.

Mission Statement read by Foard

2. Approval of Moscow Arts Commission September 8, 2020 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes, amend minutes, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Walker moved and Foard seconded to approve the September 8, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes- Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 minutes)

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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 members of the public offered comment.

4. Mayor's Arts Awards Selection Process (ACTION ITEM)

Discuss models for selecting nominees to recommend to the Mayor as award recipients.

a. Review and Recommendation by MAC

- a. The full MAC will review, score, and comment on nominations using a review form in Submittable. This will be recorded as part of the permanent event history.
- b. Deliberations will take place in a regular MAC meeting.
- c. Arts staff will forward MAC recommendations for award recipients to the Mayor.

-OR-

b. Subcommittee Review followed by MAC Recommendation

- a. The MAC will identify a subcommittee comprised of no more than a quorum of MAC members. These subcommittee assignments will be created in an action during a regular MAC meeting.
- b. The subcommittee will review, score, and comment on all nominations using a review form in Submittable. This will be recorded as part of the permanent event history.
- c. The full MAC will not view all nominations prior to the subcommittee deliberation. Arts staff will forward only those nominations that the subcommittee recommends for awards.
- d. Discussions about nominations recommended by the subcommittee will take place in a regular MAC meeting.
- e. Arts staff will forward MAC recommendations for award recipients to the Mayor.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Adopt one of the proposed models for Mayor's Arts Awards selection, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Cherry opened discussion explaining the nominations are now closed for the Mayor's Arts Awards and it was time to determine a selection process. Cherry explained the two options available for selection.

Gilmore explained that in the past, nomination packets were submitted to the Arts Department and all MAC members had an opportunity to review and comment on each submission before it

was sent to a subcommittee. The subcommittee would then consider the nomination materials as well as the MAC's comments before forwarding a recommendation back to the full MAC.

Clancy inquired about public meeting laws and the reporting of application comments by MAC members.

Cherry stated that if the group selected the subcommittee model (option B), the members of that group would have the opportunity to review, score, and comment on nomination materials via Submittable prior to their meeting. The nomination materials would then be included in the packet for the regular MAC meeting at which the subcommittee would present its recommendation.

Foard moved and Clancy seconded to adopt proposed option B for Mayor's Arts Awards selection. Vote: Ayes- Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

1. Volunteer Hour Tally

Christen recorded volunteer hours via roll call.

2. Manager's Report

MACTivities Toolbox Update

- Cherry stated the second curriculum was in development, with the theme generally about storytelling and myth. Laura Gould of Moscow Charter School is writing the curriculum. Gould has a lot of experience with puppets and is building that creative element into the theme.

Mayor's Arts Awards Operations Report

- Cherry stated six nominations have been received and Noah Schuerman agreed to create the awards for the Mayor's Arts Awards.

Artwalk / Third Thursday Research

- Cherry stated staff started researching and compiling information to build the initial thoughts of a Third Thursday program designed to complement the June Artwalk event. The information will be used for a survey to gauge artist/business/community interest.
- Third Thursday would run October-May and would focus on artists in host locations. The businesses can list visual, performing (dance, theatre, poetry, musicians), or culinary arts. The program would support the artist community through continuous programming.

ADJOURN

Clancy moved and Walker seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m. Vote: Ayes- Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

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