MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION

Lauren McCleary
Chair

Megan Cherry
Staff Liaison

~Minutes~

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Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020	**5:00 PM**	**ZOOM/Arts Office 206 E. 3rd St.**

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE
Meeting called to order at 5:07 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Diane Walker, Sandra Stoops, Katherine Clancy, Christine Gilmore (Vice Chair), Sonja Foard, Robert Caisley, Donna Woolston, Linnea Sheneman, Aaron Johnson, Sue Campbell Clark

ABSENT: Lauren McCleary (Chair), Anne Zabala (City Council Liaison)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Megan Cherry (Arts Program Manager), Britnee Christen (Arts/Community Events Administrative Specialist)

The Moscow Arts Commission welcomed new member Sue Campbell Clark who was appointed on December 7, 2020 by Mayor Lambert.

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 November 17, 2020 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**
   Minutes presented for approval.

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

   Walker moved to approve the Moscow Arts Commission November 17, 2020 Minutes. Clancy seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Stoops, Foard, Caisley, Johnson, Woolston, Gilmore, Clancy. Nays- None. Abstentions- Clark. Motion carried.

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

This meeting is open to the public, but will be held by Zoom in order to respect social distancing protocol. City Hall will be open to the public during the Commission meeting and anyone wanting to attend or speak during the public comment item, should go to the Arts Office on the first floor. The meeting is subject to social distancing protocols as recommended in Governor Little's Stay Healthy Guidelines, so the number of attendees at any one time may be limited, and masks will be required of attendees. If you do not have a mask, a disposable mask will be provided.

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 Nominee Recommendations (ACTION ITEM)

The following recommendations are brought forth from the Nominee Selection Committee to the Moscow Arts Commission for consideration:

Lifetime Achievement Award
Jim Christiansen
Individual Excellence in the Arts
Paul Anders
Carolyn Guy
Contribution as a Business
Rdesign/Melissa Rockwood

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Discuss nominee recommendations from the Mayor's Arts Awards Nominee Selection Committee and approve final recommendations to be sent to Mayor Bill Lambert, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Gilmore stated the Mayor's Arts Awards Nominee Selection Committee met last week to discuss all nominations and determine recommendations to send to the MAC. Gilmore stated the agenda packet contained the nomination materials that were submitted on behalf of the nominees.

Walker followed to discuss each nominee and the list of recommended award winners.

Stoops asked if posthumous awards had been given in prior years. Gilmore stated she did not believe historically there had been an award given posthumously, and the selection committee discussed this at length. The committee focused on recommending the nominees based on talent, drive, and application materials. Woolston asked if this is something we should consider for the 2022 awards, and potentially making it a category to consider.

Cherry stated anything that was noted regarding process and selection guidelines will be considered in the Events & Programs Subcommittee for updating the process for 2022.

Caisley stated there shouldn't be separate categories for posthumous awards; for those that create art it survives death and artists should be selected on their merits regardless of status. He feels there is a pressure for institutions to give awards to those who are living because there is more

press for the institution. He recommends an in-memoriam acknowledgment which would become part of the awards ceremony. Gilmore stated her support of this idea for future award ceremonies.

Caisley asked if the two in the Individual Excellence of the Arts will both receive that nomination and Cherry confirmed both were being recommended for the same award.

Gilmore stated the nomination recommendations will be presented to Mayor Bill Lambert, and the final winners will be announced at the December 21 Moscow City Council Meeting.

Caisley moved to accept the recommendation for Mayor's Arts Awards. Stoops seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Walker, Clancy, Woolston, Caisley, Stoops, Foard, Johnson, Gilmore. Nays- None. Abstentions- Clark. Motion carries.

5. Third Street Gallery Exhibition Schedule (ACTION ITEM)

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the presented Third Street Gallery Exhibition Schedule, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Cherry stated the first show of Fiscal Year 2021, *Dear Moscow,* is about to launch. Cherry stated *Dear Moscow* will be posted digitally and then when City Hall opens small groups can be welcomed into the Third Street Gallery to view the pieces in person. The next show, *Silver & Gold*, was bumped from 2020 to 2021 due to the pandemic. For budgetary reasons and operational considerations, the schedule has been standardized at a rate of four shows a year.

Johnson discussed the *Print* show would be opened to printmakers and potentially be juried by Mike Sonnichsen. There has also been discussion about creating and displaying roller prints.

Sculpted Spaces is an idea carried forward from FY20's cancellations, and features art in all media that includes imagery or content related to shaping space. It could feature architecture, landscape architecture, etc.

Walker moved to accept the Third Street Gallery Exhibition Schedule for Fiscal Year 2021. Foard seconded. Roll Call Vote: Aye- Woolston, Clark, Johnson, Foard, Walker, Clancy, Caisley, Stoops, Gilmore. Nays- None. Abstentions- None. Motion carries.

6. Election of MAC Chair and Vice Chair (ACTION ITEM)

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Vote to elect Christine Gilmore as Chair and Kat Clancy as Vice Chair, nominate other Commission members, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Walker moved to elect Christine Gilmore as Chair and Kat Clancy as Vice Chair. Woolston seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Stoops, Walker, Clancy, Foard, Woolston, Johnson, Clark, Gilmore. Motion carries.

REPORTS

1. Arts & Culture Education

Cherry stated there was discussion about the shift to the Entertainment in the Park schedule. Typically, it is Thursdays in June, but as time has shown it can be problematic. The new timing will be the first two Thursdays of July. This shift will be good for all partners involved. The group decided to stick with the artist selected for 2020.

The second MACtivities Toolbox will be assembled and released in the coming weeks. It includes a guidebook, art materials and National Core Arts Standard aligned lesson plans for multiple ages. The toolboxes will be available for pick up by registration at the Prichard.

The City Water Department has reached out to have the Arts Department to advise on lessons plans for upcoming activities.

2. **Events & Programs**
   The Events & Programs subcommittee did not meet in November, and thus, provided no report.

3. **Public Art**
   Clancy reported the committee worked through updating the Public Art Guidelines with recent recommendations from the City Attorney. There was also discussion about additional changes to the guidelines. These updates will be a year-long process.

4. **Third Street Gallery**
   Cherry stated there was a brief discussion about Palouse Plein Air. The subcommittee looked at survey results from the 2020 participant survey. The subcommittee found participating artists appreciated submitting a digital photo versus stamping canvases. There was also discussion about painting and exhibition dates for 2021. Traditionally the event runs the third week of September. There was also discussion about exhibition locations as survey responses showed 100% of the artists preferred the exhibition space at the Prichard.

5. **Volunteer Hour Tally**
   Hours reported and recorded.

6. **Manager's Report**
   - Arts Program Overview
     - Cherry stated looking at regional events and local programming, the Arts Department built a calendar to see where arts programming overlapped with Moscow community events/programs, and if it is valuable/helpful to make any scheduling shifts. The Arts Program Overview is a look at how all of the Arts Department programming lays out through the year. The Arts Program Overview is a living document and is being continually updated to keep big picture scheduling in mind. Cherry also stated the department is working on the Public Art Maintenance and Repair schedules. She is working to weave these plans into the overall flow of the Arts Department yearly calendar. A system is currently being developed.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Minutes Approved On
January 12, 2021
Britnee M Christen
Clerk/Deputy Signature