

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



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5:00 PM

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

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

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.

2. Approval of Moscow Arts Commission May 11, 2021 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

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

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.

4. MAC Onboarding (DISCUSSION)

- Topic: Outreach Opportunities as an Advisory Committee

5. 2021 Third Street Gallery Schedule Update (ACTION ITEM)

Upon receipt of the Third Street Gallery (TSG) subcommittee's recommendation, the MAC voted to approve the 2021 TSG schedule during the regular meeting on December 8, 2020. Since that time, Arts staff has received a City staff request for an exhibition of art with subject matter and/or content related to wildlife. Arts staff and the TSG subcommittee propose an update to the final exhibition in the 2021 calendar year. *Sculpted Spaces*, an exhibition of intentionally-shaped architecture and landscape, was originally slated to fill both the second and third floors of the gallery. The proposed schedule adjustment would present *Sculpted Spaces* on the second floor, with the addition of an exhibition called *Wild Lives* on the third floor.

PROPOSED ACTION: Approve the updated Third Street Gallery schedule as presented, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

6. **Micro-Gallery Naming and Ribbon-Cutting**

A six-room micro-gallery has been added to the Arts Department scope of programming. This feature is installed in one of the windows that flanks the entrance to the Arts office on the first floor of City Hall. Each room of the gallery measures approximately 16" x 9" x 10" and is a secure space backed by a painted plywood door. The front is secured by the glass, which is segmented by muntins to create a six-pane window. Viewers will be invited to experience the gallery from the hallway outside the Arts office. The gallery was made possible by a donation of time and materials, with design and construction by James Cherry as well as sanding and finishing by Megan Cherry. It is built from Baltic birch plywood with a high-gloss, waterborne alkyd finish in Cloud White (Benjamin Moore #OC130).

Programming for this gallery will be tracked by Arts staff as are the histories of all other programs, but at this point there are no plans for a formal schedule or fixed advisory structure for the gallery. The intent is to maintain a sense of friendly collaboration, play, and improvisation in this space. Following a discussion with the Moscow Poet Laureate, Susan Hodgins, it has been determined that the gallery's opening exhibition will be a presentation of the poems written during her three-year term. A ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 17 will mark the gallery's launch.

The Arts & Culture Education and Third Street Gallery subcommittees of the MAC have discussed potential names for the gallery, and invite further discussion from the full Commission on this topic. Suggestions recorded to date include the following:

The PO Box -or- PO Box
The Pocket -or- Pocket Gallery

PROPOSED ACTION: Approve one of the suggested gallery names, create a new name, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

7. **2021-2024 Moscow Poet Laureate Selection Panel (ACTION ITEM)**

The second Moscow Poet Laureate's term will end on June 30, 2021. The RFQ for the next Poet Laureate opened on April 15, with a deadline to submit by July 30, 2021. The MAC voted to approve the Selection Panel structure for this opportunity during their May 11, 2021 meeting. The Arts & Culture Education subcommittee recommends following slate of selection panel members and alternates, and invites MAC to finalize/identify an additional MAC member for the panel.

<u>Selection Panel Structure</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
1 – Moscow Arts Commission Member	Rob Caisley	
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1 – Member of Literary Community	Alexandra Teague	Michael McGriff
1 – Former Moscow Poet Laureate	Susan Hodgins	Tiffany Midge
1 – Youth Community Member	Aariah Coile	

Following a majority vote of MAC members to approve the slate of primary and alternate selection panel members, Arts staff will contact individuals to confirm participation and to schedule all selection panel activities. Arts staff will facilitate the selection process in a non-voting capacity.

8. **2021-2022 Artwalk Season Poster RFP (ACTION ITEM)**

Artwalk posters have featured local and regional artists' work since the event's beginnings. From 2004 – 2008, artwork was included on event materials on an invitational basis. In 2008, the MAC and Arts staff adopted a method of selection by competitive process. After artists have submitted

their work, the Artwalk Steering Committee selects the year's featured artwork. The original artwork becomes a part of the City's Portable Art Collection, and the image of the artwork becomes the visual centerpiece of the event promotions. The artist has the option to display their artwork at City Hall during Artwalk, and receives an honorarium of \$600 for the purchase of the original artwork and the use of its image in promotional materials. This opportunity is open to artists of all ages whose work has not been featured on the Artwalk poster in the last five years.

With Artwalk's expansion to a full season stretching from October – June, the poster art will now be a visual highlight for an extended time. The RFP for this opportunity has been adapted to fit the expanded season, and has been recommended by the Events & Programs subcommittee.

PROPOSED ACTION: Approve the 2021-2022 Artwalk Season Poster RFP, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

9. Andrew Becker Memorial Public Art Installation at the ITC Sculpture Garden (ACTION ITEM)

In January 2021, the family of Andrew Thatcher Becker contacted the City of Moscow with an offer to donate funds for a public art installation. Following conversations between donor, staff, and MAC members, the ITC Sculpture Garden was identified as a location that fits the budget and artistic direction for the project. The ITC Sculpture Garden has traditionally hosted temporary installations of three-dimensional artworks that are featured for up to one year. There are five plinths in that location, each of which are filled following an RFP process and selection by a panel of community members. Each artist is paid an honorarium for the loan of their artwork, and this program has traditionally served the UI student artist population. The offer of donated funds to support the accession of an artwork into the Permanent Collection has prompted the re-assignment of one of the plinths as a permanent location for the artwork to be funded by the donor's contribution. This shift would result in four plinths being available for the annual call to artists. The MAC voted during their March 9, 2021 meeting to recommend this re-assignment.

Arts staff has prepared an RFP for this opportunity based upon Becker's biographical information, the Public Art subcommittee's advice, and standard Arts Department processes and timelines. Following a majority vote of Commission members, the MAC's recommendation will be forwarded to City Council by Arts staff.

PROPOSED ACTION: Recommend approval of donation and RFP, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

REPORTS

- 1. Arts & Culture Education (McCleary)**
- 2. Events & Programs (Gilmore)**
- 3. Public Art (Clancy)**
- 4. Third Street Gallery (Johnson)**
- 5. Volunteer Hour Tally**
- 6. Operational Report**
Artwalk Registration Report (Christen)
Wild @ Art and Moscow Poet Laureate

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