

Administrative Committee



Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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Monday, June 14, 2021

4:30 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. Third St.**

REGULAR AGENDA

PRESENT: Gina Taruscio, Sandra Kelly, Brandy Sullivan

STAFF: Capt Dahlinger, Alisa Anderson, Megan Cherry, Jen Pfiffner, Taylor Riedner

OTHERS: Mayor Bill Lambert, Council Member Art Bettge

1. Approval of May 24, 2021 Administrative Committee Minutes (ACTION ITEM) - Taylor Riedner

The minutes were approved as presented.

2. Portable Collection Donation Proposal (ACTION ITEM) - Megan Cherry

Five works by artist Pam Overholtzer have been offered as a donation to the City's Portable Collection. Overholtzer comes from a long line of artists with a lifelong passion for design, art, and craft. She maintained an interior design practice focused on historic architecture and interiors before returning to college to study architecture at the University of Idaho where she earned a Master of Architecture degree and research-oriented Master of Science degree. The seeds for this project began when Pam first saw Lillian Ottens's well-known book "*A Great Good Country*," and particularly Lillian's sketches of the historic buildings in downtown Moscow. While working on City Hall's Centennial Art Show at the Third Street Gallery as a member of the Moscow Historic Preservation Commission, she had an opportunity to work directly with Ottens's original drawings. Musing about the sketches, Pam sought a way to apply her artistic talent, a penchant for detail-oriented projects, and model-building skills to three dimensional interpretations of Ottens's beautiful sketches in the form of small, multi-dimensional models mounted in shadow boxes. The donation is offered by architect and longtime City of Moscow Planning & Zoning and Historic Preservation Commission member Wendy McClure.

The Moscow Arts Commission voted during their May 11, 2021 meeting to recommend acceptance of this donation and states a preference for keeping all five works together in a single display location.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend acceptance of artwork donation, or provide staff further direction.

Cherry introduced the item as written above. The recently updated Public Art Guidelines outline donation accepting, and the Arts Department monitors the display locations. Purchase agreements allow the City to purchase artwork and do not allow reproduction or sales. Needing no further discussion, the Committee recommended approval and that it be placed on the Council consent agenda.

3. Andrew Becker Memorial Public Art Installation at the ITC Sculpture Garden (ACTION ITEM) – Megan Cherry

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. The MAC voted during their May 8, 2021 meeting to recommend approval of this donation and the RFP.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of donation, plinth re-assignment, and RFP, or provide staff further direction.

Cherry introduced the item by reflecting on the ITC Sculpture Garden arts program and the memorial of Andrew Becker. The installation would be in May 2022, and the donation family is asking the art department to continue a standard process for the art selection and have chosen a specific plinth located in the garden. The project budget is \$5,000, which is the first project to be entirely funded by donations. The donor has also offered ideas and support for maintenance work in the future. The Arts Commission has reviewed the process and suggestions. Needing no further discussion, the Committee recommended approval and that it be placed on the Council consent agenda.

4. Moscow Farmers Market Live Entertainment Request (ACTION ITEM) - Amanda Argona

Per the direction of City Council, live entertainment and performances are scheduled to return to the Moscow Farmers Market on Saturday, July 3. Given the current downward trend of cases in the community, updated guidance from the Center for Disease Control, and Resolution 2021-08 Terminating Amended Public Health Order 20-03, staff is seeking to have the 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. performance time slot reinstated alongside the already approved 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. performance time slot, as well as lifting the suspension of the Performance Vendor program.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend reinstatement of the 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. performance time slot and Performance Vendor Program or provide staff further direction.

Pfiffner introduced the item by reflecting how music was executed last year and current COVID guidelines that the market is following. The time slots suggested are the same as they had been in the past and can be covered with the remaining budget. With the APHEO rescinding, the requirements verbiage has been changed accordingly. Needing no further discussion, the Committee recommended approval and that it be placed on the Council consent agenda.

5. Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) - Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Grant (ACTION ITEM) - Alisa Anderson / Anthony Dahlinger

The Pullman Police Department will be leading in the application and management of grant funds from the COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA). The Moscow Police Department as well as other local law enforcement agencies have been invited to participate in a regional team of law enforcement peer support. Four officers will be selected from the Moscow Police Department to participate on the Peer Support Team and in training. Grant funds requested by Pullman Police for the Moscow Police Department will not exceed \$38,000.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of the proposed grant funding request for participation in the regional Peer Support team under the COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA), managed by Pullman Police Department, not to exceed \$38,000 in grant awards for the Moscow Police Department, or provide staff further direction.

Captain Dahlinger introduced the item by explaining the joint task force with surrounding police departments. Funding received for this program would cover 100% of the costs with no match from the City. Trained officers would provide mentor/peer support of other police officers; however, officers are reported less likely to reach out and utilize programs to speak with someone about mental health issues. This regional program provides anonymity to the officers so they can approach someone outside of their office. This service also supports officers' family members, administrative staff, dispatchers, and suicide

prevention. The maximum award is \$125,000, and this would be for a 2-year program for staff support. The funding will assist with staff coverage while officers go off for training. Tracking benefits and use of the program will help reapply for assistance in the future. The starting date for this program would be October of this year. Anderson noted the wording for this action needs to change to "ratify" rather than "approve." The Committee recommended approval and that it be placed on the Council consent agenda.

REPORTS

Staff Report (if needed)

Pfiffner mentioned that many staff and Council members would be traveling and attending the AIC Conference during the week and Artwalk happening the same week.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

