

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



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**Tuesday, September 14,
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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 August 10, 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: Artwalk Outreach

5. Moscow Poet Laureate 2021-2024 (ACTION ITEM)

A request for qualifications for the third Moscow Poet Laureate was open to the public from April – July 2021, during which time three poets submitted materials for consideration. Following a meeting of the ad hoc selection panel convened for this opportunity, the panel recommends candidate Stacy Boe Miller as the Moscow Poet Laureate for 2021-2024.

Following a majority vote of MAC members, arts staff will finalize contractual details with the poet and solicit advice from the Arts & Culture Education subcommittee of the MAC about possibilities for programming.

PROPOSED ACTION: Approve the Moscow Poet Laureate 2021-2024 candidate as presented, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

6. MACTivities Toolbox Art Educator RFQ (ACTION ITEM)

The Arts & Culture Education subcommittee of the MAC has developed an RFQ to identify arts educators to create curricula for MACTivities Toolbox editions 4 and 5. The MACTivities Toolbox was created during 2020 as a way to connect with community and creativity during a time of social distancing. The program provides art supply and curriculum toolboxes to community members free-of-charge. Lessons included are designed for three different age groups and provide space for creative inquiry while maintaining alignment with National Core Art Standards. The curriculum for the first edition was created by MAC members Lauren McCleary and Sonja Foard. The second and third editions curricula were created by Laura Gould and Emily Thomsen, and each artist was paid \$600 for the creation of the lessons and guidebook. In total, each edition of costs approximately \$1500 including curriculum development, printing, art supplies, and packaging for 50 Toolboxes. Guidebook and lesson materials are also made available on the City website for those who do not register to receive the complete Toolbox.

In January 2021, the MAC included the funds needed to continue the MACTivities Toolbox program in its annual budget request. In addition to the Commission's request for resources, Arts staff requested Council direction to apply for the ICA's Arts Education Annual Project grant. The application resulted in an award of \$1453. In August 2021, City Council voted to approve the FY22 budget, which includes the required matching funds. These resources are sufficient to produce two editions of the MACTivities Toolbox in 2022. The RFQ was developed with an objective to promote community awareness of the program and to invite participation by a broad range of qualified arts educators. The RFQ establishes submission, eligibility, and selection structures while increasing the MACTivities Toolbox program's focus on ADA accessibility and instructor qualifications.

PROPOSED ACTION: Approve the MACTivities Toolbox Art Educator RFQ as presented, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

7. 2022 Public Art Annual Project Schedule (ACTION ITEM)

The Public Art subcommittee has adopted a method of schedule development similar to the process used to schedule exhibitions at the Third Street Gallery. This will allow for increased MAC outreach as well as clear communication between Arts staff and other City departments. Following a majority vote of MAC members to approve the schedule, Arts staff will develop project-related materials and processes for Commission consideration throughout the year.

PROPOSED ACTION: Approve the 2022 Public Art Annual Project Schedule as presented, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

8. Andrew Becker Memorial Selection Panel (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 MAC voted during their March 9, 2021 meeting to recommend this location for the project, followed by a vote during the June 8, 2021 meeting to recommend the RFP to City Council. City Council voted to approve the project and RFP on June 21, 2021, at which point Arts staff finalized the donation agreement with the donor. The RFP submission period opened on July 30 and is set to close on October 1.

The Public Art Subcommittee recommends the following slate of selection panel members to review all submissions for the project and to recommend one for MAC and Council consideration:

Participating department representative or designee (1)	ITC Staff Member ITC Staff Alternate
Moscow Council member or designee (1)	Brandy Sullivan
MAC members (2)	MAC Member #1: Kat Clancy MAC Member #2: _____
Community representative, from project impact area (1)	UI Student
Artist not involved with the respective CIP	Primary: Gerri Saylor Alternate: _____
<i>Donor Request: Human Rights Commission member (1)</i>	Primary: Rula Awwad-Rafferty Alternate: Elizabeth Stevens
<i>Donor Request: Milestone Decisions representative (1)</i>	TBD

Following a majority vote of Commission members, the MAC's recommendation for selection panel members will be forwarded to the Mayor by Arts staff.

PROPOSED ACTION: Approve the Andrew Becker Memorial selection panel as presented, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

REPORTS

1. Arts & Culture Education (McCleary)
2. Events & Programs (Foard)
3. Public Art (Clancy)
4. Third Street Gallery (Wilson)
5. Volunteer Hour Tally (Christen)
6. Operational Report
 - Artwalk (Christen)
 - ARP Grant Application (Cherry)
 - ICA Artrepreneur (Cherry)

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