

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



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Tuesday, January 11, 2022

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 November 9, 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. Election of MAC Chair and Vice Chair (ACTION ITEM)

PROPOSED ACTION: Discuss and elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2022.

5. Commission for Becker Memorial at ITC Sculpture Garden (ACTION ITEM)

The public art project at the ITC Sculpture Garden, funded by a donation from the family of Andrew Becker, was open for artist submissions from July to September 2021, with an extended submission period open from October – November 2021. No artist submissions were received, and following conversations with local arts professionals, City Administration and Legal staff as well as the donor, Arts staff recommends that the MAC consider recommending the use of the direct artist invitation option stated in the 2021 Public Art Guidelines section III. C. 4.b. 2, which states the following:

4. Public Art Project Development

Once a Public Art location has been identified, the Arts Program Manager shall coordinate the following process:

- a. Develop the project description, site details, and identify suitable art forms and media (considering goals and sites already determined by the participating department and the MAC, when applicable).
- b. Determine a method for selecting an artist, which may include:
 - (1) Open competition (RFP or RFQ) in which artists apply according to the requirements and limitations established by the Selection Panel, MAC, or City;
 - (2) Invitation of one (1) or more artists to submit proposals;
 - (3) Direct purchase of a completed work of art that is selected from submitted applications or other methods deemed appropriate for the project; or
 - (4) Alternate process designed to meet the City's objective for the project.

Further artist input on the project included the concern that the budget would not accommodate the material requirements set forth by the City. These material parameters stipulate the use of materials that are impervious to environmental degradation, and are meant to prolong the life of accessions into the Permanent Public Art Collection. Staff has also identified funds in the FY22 budget to augment the donor-provided funds.

Following a majority vote of MAC members to recommend a direct invitation to an artist, staff will bring the item to City Council for a vote along with an updated donor agreement and an artist contract.

PROPOSED ACTION: Recommend inviting an artist to create a memorial sculpture in the ITC Sculpture Garden, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

6. FY23 MACtivities Toolbox Program (DISCUSSION)

The MACtivities Toolbox program began in 2020 as a way for the MAC to provide arts education opportunities to the public during the pandemic. The 4th edition of the Toolbox is now in development, funded in part by a grant from the Idaho Commission on the Arts. Funding exists to create one more edition of the Toolbox in FY22, and Arts staff will conduct a search for an arts educator in the coming months. Arts staff is now looking ahead to FY23 operations and grant opportunities. Continuing with the MACtivities Toolbox program is dependent on grant funding, and grant applications as well as program implementation represent an investment of staff capacity. The MAC is asked to discuss the effectiveness of this program's service to the community and to gauge the level of interest in continuing this program in FY23.

REPORTS

- 1. Volunteer Hour Tally (Petit)**
- 2. Staff Report (Cherry)**
Vinyl Wrap RFP
Artwalk Outreach

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