

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



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~Minutes~

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Tuesday, August 9, 2022

5:00 PM

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

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m

IN ATTENDANCE: Lauren McCleary (Chair), Katherine Clancy (Vice Chair), Cindy Barnhart, Sonja Foard, Erica Wagner, Donna Woolston, David Wilson

ABSENT: Kathryn Bonzo, Sue Clark, Aaron Johnson, Sandra Stoops

OTHER: Maureen Laflin (City Council Liaison), Megan Cherry (Arts Program Manager), Amy Petit (Arts Administrative Specialist), Sean Bohnet (Moscow)

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.

The Mission Statement was read by McCleary.

2. Approval of Moscow Arts Commission June 14, 2022 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

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

The June minutes were reviewed by the Commission. Donna moved, Kat seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None

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.

Sean Bohnet (Moscow) mentioned visiting the Third Street Gallery exhibit with family and having a good conversation about the exhibition.

4. 2022 Storm Drain Mural Selection Panel (ACTION ITEM)

Selection for the Storm Drain Mural opportunity will be in August, and the MAC is asked to recommend selection panel members according to the following structure:

- 1 – Moscow Arts Commission Member
- 1 – City of Moscow Public Works & Services staff member
- 1 – Local Business Representative
- 1 – Arts Community Member

PROPOSED ACTION: Recommend a slate of selection panel members to review 2022 Storm Drain Mural submissions, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Commission members asked for verification on the timeline and number of storm drain murals to be chosen. Cherry said that it would be two murals this year, but ideally it would be an annual program. Foard volunteered to serve as the Commission member on the panel and Kelli Cooper (Environmental Education & Sustainability Coordinator for the City) was suggested. MAC members discussed several community member & arts representative including Jessica Brierly (Feronia: Consignment & Wellness Boutique) and Amanda Harlow (Wild at Art).

Foard moved, Erica seconded to recommend the suggested slate for the 2022 Storm Drain Mural Selection Panel.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

5. 2022-2023 Artwalk Poster Art Selection Panel (ACTION ITEM)

Selection for the Artwalk Poster RFP will be between August 15 - 19, and the MAC is asked to recommend selection panel members according to the following structure:

- 2 – Moscow Arts Commission Members
- 1 – Arts & Culture Community Representative
- 1 – Business Community Representative
- 1 – Past Artwalk Poster Artist

PROPOSED ACTION: Recommend a slate of selection panel members to review 2022-2023 Artwalk Poster Art submissions, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Wilson and Wagner volunteered for the 2022-2023 Artwalk Poster Art Selection Panel. In addition, Roger Rowley (Moscow Contemporary), Tara Lew (Tara Lew Interiors), and Bridgette Schnider (2021-2022 Artwalk Poster Artist) were suggested for the panel.

Foard moved, Wagner seconded to recommend the suggested slate for the 2022-2023 Artwalk Poster Art Selection Panel.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

6. 2022 Mayor's Arts Awards Selection Panel (ACTION ITEM)

Selection for the Mayor's Arts Awards recipients will be in early August, and the MAC is asked to recommend selection panel members according to the following structure:

- 3 – Moscow Arts Commission Members
- 1 – Arts & Culture Community Representative
- 1 – Past Mayor's Arts Awards Recipient

Following the selection panel process, all recommendations will be forwarded to the Mayor for consideration and final awardee selection.

PROPOSED ACTION: Recommend a slate of selection panel members to review 2022 Mayor's Arts Awards nominations, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Commission members discussed the lower number of nominations (two) for this opportunity. Cherry mentioned that there had been a lower number of responses in general and raised the possibility of Commission members being able to submit nominations in 2024. Foard discussed recognition of Diane Walker, former MAC member during the 2022 Mayor's Arts Awards ceremony. Cherry indicated that there was an option to bring in the 2020 Mayor's Arts Awards recipients to be recognized.

Clancy moved to send the two 2022 Mayor's Arts Awards nominations directly to the Mayor for selection. Foard seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

7. Third Street Gallery 2023 Schedule (ACTION ITEM)

The Third Street Gallery (TSG) subcommittee proposes a slate of exhibitions for the calendar year 2023. This proposal was created following the MAC's review of the history of TSG exhibitions and their discussion on June 14, 2022 about potential direction for the 2023 TSG season. The TSG currently features five new exhibitions per year, including the annual Palouse Plein Air exhibition. Palouse Plein Air will return to the Prichard Art Gallery when it re-opens, at which point the TSG will present new exhibitions on a quarterly basis, contingent upon the City's budget process. MAC members and Arts staff collaborate to determine the structure and topic of each show as well as the artists represented. TSG aims to keep audiences engaged by avoiding the repetition of media or thematically-focused exhibitions that have been presented in recent years. Similarly, the Gallery schedule balances the presentation of invitational, juried, open call, and solo/two-person exhibitions. The TSG subcommittee presents the attached schedule after checking for alignment with these goals. All exhibition suggestions from the MAC and the public not pursued during 2023 will be kept in mind for possible development in future years.

Following a majority vote of MAC members to approve the slate of exhibitions, Arts staff will finalize all dates in the Gallery schedule, contact artists and jurors to confirm participation, and will seek MAC or TSG subcommittee advice on artistic direction as needed.

PROPOSED ACTION: Approve the 2023 Third Street Gallery schedule as presented, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

MAC members reviewed the Third Street Gallery's slate of exhibition proposal. Woolston appreciated the inclusion of illustrators and Foard felt that it was a well-rounded exhibition schedule.

Erica moved, Kat seconded to accept the 2023 Third Street Gallery Schedule.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

8. Artwalk 2021-2022 (DISCUSSION)

McCleary asked for feedback on the 2021-2022 Artwalk season. Commission members discussed the benefits of having a monthly Artwalk events on Thursday, easy-to-navigate marketing, and more opportunities for artists in the area to exhibit work. Comments on the relaxed pace of the June finale and the addition of a Kidwalk section were positive. Members also discussed the potential for outdoor events in the winter months to increase attendance. Foard mentioned expanding the offerings at Moscow

Contemporary's Artwalk reception to include poetry and dance. Cherry reported, based on community feedback, that there would be an option this year to register for the entire season at a reduced rate. Businesses would still need to register their listings monthly, but the process would be streamlined for those who signed up for the season. Commission members also discussed marketing strategies for social media.

Bohnet left meeting at 5:55 p.m.

REPORTS

1. Volunteer Hour Tally for June & July 2022 (Petit)

Commission members provided their volunteer hours for June & July.

2. Third Street Gallery Subcommittee Report (Wilson)

Wilson referred the committee to regular agenda item number 7 for the Third Street Gallery Subcommittee Report. Cherry mentioned a discussion on an exhibit about trophies as an idea for the Third Street Gallery, however, it will be a Box Gallery exhibit in March.

3. Palouse Plein Air Volunteer Shifts (Cherry)

Artwork Drop-off	Wed., Sept 14	8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	_____
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McCleary volunteered. Woolston would try to find a volunteer to help as well.

Installation	Thurs., Sept 15	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	_____
	Thurs., Sept 15	12 p.m. – 3 p.m.	_____

Clancy volunteered for the 12 p.m. shift. Wilson tentatively volunteered for the 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. shift.

Reception	Thurs., Sept 15	4 p.m. – 7 p.m.	_____
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Foard and Wagner volunteered.

Cherry asked if anyone was available for MACTivities Toolbox #5 assembly.
Woolston and Clancy volunteered.

4. Staff Report (Cherry)

ICA Artrepreneur

Cherry reported that the July session had taken place and that participants were having a good experience with the program.

Portable Collection

Cherry announced that the City Council had finalized the Portable Collection donation from Phil and Sandra Deutchman and the agreement was in the process of being finalized, with installation expected in the first part of October. Cherry also mentioned conservation work being done on Portable Collection pieces as they rotate locations. This includes framing, adding conservation glass, and replacing damaged work. Conservation efforts will continue into the permanent collection.

MACTivities Toolbox

Cherry mentioned there were extra MACTivities Toolbox #4 editions and that they would be used during Artwalk to do an in-person workshop, potentially with Rachael Eastman.

Current Arts Opportunities: Artwalk Poster, Palouse Plein Air
Cherry announced that Palouse Plein Air rack cards are coming out soon and the Artwalk Poster call is still open. In addition, there is still an opportunity to add one MAC member.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

