

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



Lauren McCleary
Chair

~Minutes~

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Staff Liaison

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Tuesday, October 11, 2022

5:00 PM

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

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 5:18 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cindy Barnhart, Kathryn Bonzo, Sue Clark, Aaron Johnson, Sonja Foard, Sandra Stoops, David Wilson

ABSENT: Lauren McCleary (Chair), Katherine Clancy (Vice Chair), Erica Wagner, Donna Woolston,

OTHER: Maureen Laflin (City Council Liaison), Megan Cherry (Arts Manager), Amy Petit (Arts Administrative Specialist), Cody Riddle (Deputy City Supervisor, Community Development), Mina Ashkannejhad (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.

Johnson entered the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

The Mission Statement was read by Barnhart.

2. Approval of Moscow Arts Commission August 9, 2022 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

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

The August minutes were reviewed by the Commission. Bonzo moved, Barnhart 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.

Ashkannejhad (Moscow) presented a proposal to the Commission for streetscape or crosswalk artwork based on the LGBTQ+ progress pride flag to be painted at a location in the downtown corridor to help promote diversity and inclusion in the community. Ashkannejhad provided supporting research for the project, which is viewable at:

https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/DocumentCenter/View/24515/2022_Street-Crossing-Proposal_Mina-Ashkannejhad

4. 2023 Public Art Annual Project Schedule (ACTION ITEM)

The annual Public Art schedule-making process, a practice adopted in 2021, facilitates 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 2023 Public Art Annual Project Schedule as presented, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Cherry mentioned that the Public Art Annual Project Schedule is part of a yearly review process and explained the cycle of projects typically included. Clark expressed appreciation for the Vinyl-Wrapped Traffic Boxes project. Cherry explained that project was on a 5-year rotation cycle due to weathering of the material.

The proposed Public Art Annual Project Schedule reviewed by the Commission and Barnhardt moved to approve the schedule as presented. Wilson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None

5. Downtown Streetscape (DISCUSSION)

Cherry introduced Cody Riddle, Deputy City Supervisor for Community Development in Moscow. Riddle presented a study conducted in conjunction with Welch Comer & Associates, Inc. for the Downtown Streetscape project. Riddle also clarified that the study was in the conceptual phase, not a definitive plan. Some goals for the Downtown Streetscape project would be to repair and update the infrastructure, as well as take a more holistic approach to the delineation between streets and sidewalks for accessibility. Improving the management of stormwater runoff was also a consideration. Riddle shared research and community feedback in areas including stormwater management, sidewalks, landscaping, seating, and the opportunity for public art. Commission members asked Riddle questions and discussed how materials, landscaping, and other design options can influence the community feeling of the downtown spaces. Commission members also expressed desire to consider retaining the unique atmosphere of Moscow. Riddle mentioned next steps for the project would be to present the study to Council, hold a public meeting, and identify funding sources and a plan for phasing the work. Following that, a more refined concept would be brought back to the Commission for further discussion.

REPORTS

1. Volunteer Hour Tally for August & September 2022 (Petit)

Commission members provided their volunteer hours for August & September.

2. Events & Programs Subcommittee Report (Foard)

Foard reported meeting with Cherry and Clancy regarding an update on the 2022-2023 Artwalk Season promotional materials. John Larkin's painting, *A Street*, was chosen as the poster image. The Subcommittee discussed updates for Season Hosts and Sponsor materials.

The Subcommittee discussed details for the upcoming 2022 Mayor's Arts Awards. The event will be held on October 27 at the 1912 Center from 7-9pm. The ceremony would honor 2022 and 2020 winners and would feature live music by Jim Boland, flowers by Garden and Villa, and refreshments by Goose House Bakery and Pour Company.

3. MAC Volunteer Shifts (Cherry)

Artwalk @ TSG	Thurs., Oct 20	4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	
Mayor's Arts Awards	Thurs., Oct 27	6 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Clancy
Becker Memorial	Fri., Nov. 4	12 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Clancy (12:45pm – 2 p.m.)

Clark volunteered for Artwalk at the Third Street Gallery. Foard and Bonzo volunteered for the Mayor's Arts Awards. Johnson volunteered for the Becker Memorial.

4. Staff Report (Cherry)

Deutchman Donation & Thank You Cards

Cherry passed out thank you cards for Commission members to sign for those involved with the Deutchman Donation. The Portable Collection painting, *Origins* by Sandra Deutchman, will arrive next month, be photographed, and permanently installed.

Portable Collection

Cherry reported on considerable work being done to update inventory information, as well as reframing and updating some pieces with conservation glass. Some artworks were showing signs of fading and these efforts would help preserve them.

Artwalk

Cherry mentioned that there are eight Artwalk host locations for October and double the number of Season Sponsors as the 2021-2022 Artwalk Season. Three of the Season Sponsors are print and media related and would increase the awareness of Artwalk. Commission members chose Artwalk t-shirt sizes and styles. Cherry added that the visibility of the shirts, would allow MAC members to do outreach and answer questions about the program.

Current Arts Opportunities: Sum of Our Parts

Cherry explained the Third Street Gallery show for January open call was now open. It's open to 2D, 3D, and literary works. Based on the idea of collage, *Sum of Our Parts* is open to all ages. Other gallery opportunities would start to open in the beginning months of 2023.

December MAC meeting

Cherry mentioned historically low attendance during December meetings and asked the Commission if they wanted to cancel that meeting. After discussing, Cherry will reach out to McCleary for further thoughts on the matter.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

