

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



Lauren McCleary
Chair

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**Tuesday, February 14,
2023**

5:00 PM

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

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Lauren McCleary (Chair), Katherine Clancy (Vice Chair), Cindy Barnhart, Kathryn Bonzo, Sue Clark, Sonja Foard, Aaron Johnson, Donna Woolston

ABSENT: Sandra Stoops, Erica Wagner, David Wilson

OTHER: Julia Parker (City Council Liaison), Cody Riddle (Deputy City Supervisor, Community Development), Megan Cherry (Arts Manager), Amy Petit (Arts Administrative Specialist)

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 forms of art and culture.

Fulfillment of this purpose shall be based upon the following values:

- Recognition and promotion of artists' value by creating opportunities for work to be experienced.
- Facilitation and promotion of the social, educational, and economic value of all forms of art and culture in the community.
- Performance of leadership, collaboration, and outreach in the conversation between all forms of art and culture with partner agencies, city leaders, and the community.

The Mission Statement was read by Clancy.

2. Approval of Moscow Arts Commission January 10, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

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

The January minutes were reviewed by the Commission. Bonzo moved, Johnson 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.

No public comment was offered.

4. City Staff Update (DISCUSSION)

Cherry informed the Commission that there has been a reorganization of City Staff and that the Arts Department would now report to Deputy City Supervisor, Cody Riddle who leads Community Development. Riddle was introduced to the Commission. He described the role of Community Development within the City and expressed appreciation for the role the MAC plays in supporting a strong creative community.

5. FY24 MAC Budget Request (ACTION ITEM)

Each year, City Commissions are invited to present a budget request for programs or initiatives that are aligned with the MAC purpose as defined in City Code and are feasible in regard to operational capacity. Following a discussion and majority vote by the MAC to identify specific projects and recommended funding levels, MAC Chair will forward the request, via Arts staff, to City Administration and Council.

PROPOSED ACTION: Recommend project and funding amount for FY24 MAC budget request, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

McCleary asked the Commission funding ideas outside of the MAC budget that align with current programs. Commission members inquired about deficits in the current programming and discussed several ideas including digitizing the Portable Collection, funding for an Artist-in-Residence for special projects, and expanding MACTivities to include more in-person workshops. Clancy asked about enhancing the Entertainment in the Park summer program. Cherry mentioned considering a photobooth with wearable turtle costume and backdrop as an outreach activity for adults and children.

Clark moved to add \$3000 to MAC budget request to fund three MACTivities workshops that align with the Artwalk season and to enhance the MAC's presence at Entertainment in the Park with a photobooth. Clancy seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None

6. 2023 ITC Sculpture Garden RFP (ACTION ITEM)

The annual call for sculptures to be installed at the Intermodal Transit Center (ITC) Sculpture Garden is scheduled to be published on February 15, 2023. The program invites artists to submit photos of existing sculptures. These submissions will be reviewed by a selection panel to be identified by the MAC during their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. The selection panel will identify up to four artworks to be installed for one year at the ITC Sculpture Garden. Shifts to this program in 2023 include an increase in the artist honorarium from \$500 in 2022 to \$600 in 2023. As the honorarium draws closer to the market standard for this type of program, staff recommends implementing a 20% commission on any art sales. This sales commission is consistent with that of the Third Street Gallery.

PROPOSED ACTION: Approve the ITC Sculpture Garden as presented, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

The Commission reviewed the ITC Sculpture Garden RFP with the proposed increased honorarium and addition of a 20% commission on art sales.

Clancy moved, Clark seconded to approve the ITC Sculpture Garden RFP as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None

7. 2023 Vinyl Wrap Selection Panel (ACTION ITEM)

Section V.B.2.A of the 2021 Public Art Guidelines state that the selection panel for the annual opportunity shall be made up of the following member types:

1. Voting members:
 - a. Moscow Arts Commission Member (1)
 - b. Local Business Representatives (2)
 - c. Technical Consultant (1)
 - d. City Staff Member (1)
2. Non-voting members:
 - a. Arts Program Manager (Selection Panel facilitator)
 - b. City staff members acting in a technical advisory capacity

The 2023 Vinyl Wrap locations are:

1. Water Reclamation & Reuse Facility at 2221 Pullman Rd.
2. 6th & Jackson
3. 3rd & Jackson
4. 3rd & Washington
5. 6th & Washington

Following a majority vote of MAC members to recommend a slate of selection panel members, Arts staff will facilitate viewing of submissions, scheduling, and selection processes.

PROPOSED ACTION: Recommend individuals to serve on the 2023 Vinyl Wrap Selection Panel, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Clancy volunteered to serve as the Commission member on the 2023 Vinyl Wrap Selection Panel. Cherry mentioned reaching out to Steve Hilkin to continue to serve as a Technical Consultant on the project. MAC members asked for a recommendation for City Staff Member and Cherry suggested Public Utility Manager for Water & Sewer, Evan Timar due to the proximity of one of the Vinyl Wraps to the Water Reclamation Facility. Several business representatives were discussed including Mina Ashkannejhad and Brandy Sullivan (One World Cafe).

Foard moved, Clark seconded to recommend the suggested state for the 2023 Vinyl Wrap Selection Panel. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None

8. 2023 Storm Drain Mural Selection Panel (ACTION ITEM)

Selection for the Storm Drain Mural opportunity will be in March, 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 2023 Storm Drain Mural submissions, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Bonzo volunteered to serve as the Commission member on the 2023 Storm Drain Mural Selection Panel. MAC members discussed reaching out to Megan Mack (Moscow Contemporary) as the Arts Community member, Chelsea Flores (Appearances Marketing) as a Local Business Representative, and Ty Thompson as the staff member with the City of Moscow Public Works & Services.

Barnhart moved, Johnson seconded to recommend the suggested state for the 2023 Storm Drain Mural Selection Panel. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None

9. Honorable Mention Selection Panel (ACTION ITEM)

Honorable Mention is an exhibition that will be installed at The Box Gallery from March 16 – April 14. Designed to align with the awards season, including the Oscars, this exhibition features works by artists who were invited to make a trophy in honor of a funny, made-up award.

Following installation of all six trophies, the exhibition will be adjudicated by a panel made up of the following members:

- 1 – Elected Official
1 – City Staff Member
1 – Moscow Arts Commission Member

There will be an award ceremony during the artist reception on March 16, which coincides with 3rd Thursday Artwalk.

PROPOSED ACTION: Recommend a MAC member to serve on the Honorable Mention selection panel, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Foard volunteered to serve as the Commission member on the Honorable Mention Selection Panel, with Clark offering to serve as a backup. Cherry reported that City Council Member Sandra Kelly was interested in serving as the Elected Official. Cody Riddle, Deputy City Supervisor, Community Development offered to serve as the City Staff Member.

Foard moved, Johnson seconded to recommend the suggested state for the Honorable Mention Selection Panel. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None

REPORTS

1. Volunteer Hour Tally for January 2023 (Petit)

Commission members provided their volunteer hours for January.

2. MAC Volunteer Shifts (Cherry)

Artwalk @ TSG Thurs., Feb 16 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Clancy volunteered to count attendance at Artwalk.

3. Staff Report (Cherry)

Tiny Poem Workshop

Cherry reported a successful event with 14 attendees for the Tiny Poem Workshop held on Saturday, February 11. Cherry also expressed appreciation for Woolston's and McCleary's participation at the event.

Artwalk on February 16

Cherry mentioned that Artwalk on February 16 would have eight host locations and that there was increasing interest from businesses this year as the program grows. At City Hall, there is new artwork in The Box Gallery by Martha McIver and refreshments from Sister's Cookies will be served.

Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival Poster Unveiling

Cherry discussed meeting with Navin Chettri, Manager of the University of Idaho Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. The poster unveiling for the 2023 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival will be hosted at City Hall on April 5th at 5:30 p.m. There will be live music and refreshments. In support of the Jazz Festival, during the March Artwalk event, participants will be able to enter a drawing for a chance to win tickets to the Festival.

Open Opportunities: *Obsession* at the Third Street Gallery, Vinyl Wraps, Storm Drain Murals, ITC Sculpture Garden, MFM Poster

Cherry informed the Commission of the current and upcoming open calls for art and deadlines for submissions.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Minutes Approved On
April 11, 2023
Amy Petit
(Clerk Signature)