

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



Lauren McCleary
Chair

~Minutes~

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Tuesday, April 11, 2023

5:00 PM

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

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cindy Barnhart, Sue Clark, Sonja Foard, Aaron Johnson, Erica Wagner, David Wilson, JacQueline Walker

ABSENT: Lauren McCleary (Chair), Kathryn Bonzo, Katherine Clancy (Vice Chair), Sandra Stoops, Donna Woolston

OTHER: Julia Parker (City Council Liaison), 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 Wilson.

2. Approval of Moscow Arts Commission February 14, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

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

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

Moscow Arts Commission members introduced themselves to new Commission member Walker.

Parker entered the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

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. 2023 ITC Sculpture Garden Selection Panel (ACTION ITEM)

Selection for the Intermodal Transit Center (ITC) Sculpture Garden will be in April. The MAC is asked to recommend selection panel members according to the following structure:

Voting members:

- a. Intermodal Transit Center Staff Member (1)
- b. UI Art + Architecture Faculty or Graduate Student (1)
- c. UI Facilities Staff Member (1)
- d. Moscow Arts Commission Member (1)
- e. Member of Artist Community (1)

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

Foard summarized the 2023 ITC Sculpture Garden Selection Panel action item and asked members for suggestions. Barnhart volunteered to serve as the Commission member on the selection panel. Cherry offered to identify an Intermodal Transit Center Staff Member for the selection panel. Johnson suggested options for UI employees including Scott Lawrence to serve as the UI Art + Architecture Faculty Member. The Commission discussed contacting several members of the Artist Community.

Johnson moved, Clark seconded to recommend the suggested state for the 2023 ITC Sculpture Garden Selection Panel. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None

5. Frank Werner Duck Decoy Accession (ACTION ITEM)

On November 9, 2021, the MAC voted to recommend the deaccession of Frank Werner's wooden duck decoy, which was donated to the City Portable Collection by Samuel and Lois Butterfield in 2004. The deaccession was recommended in order to present the decoy as a farewell gift for retiring City Supervisor Gary Riedner, with the additional recommendation to purchase another duck decoy from Werner if budget allowed. City Council voted to complete the deaccession in their meeting on January 3, 2022.

City Council appropriated funds in the FY23 budget to purchase another duck decoy from Frank Werner. The MAC is asked to review the options as presented and to make a recommendation for the purchase.

PROPOSED ACTION: Recommend a duck decoy to purchase for the Portable Collection, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Commission members reviewed the choices for the wooden duck decoys and chose the Pintail Drake to recommend for purchase for the Portable Collection. Members indicated the Teal Hen as the second choice with the option Cherry to decide between the two when the wooden duck decoy purchased.

Barnhart moved, Johnson seconded to recommend purchase of the Pintail Drake wooden duck decoy with the Teal Hen as the second choice. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None

6. Artwalk Season Finale MACtivities Booth (ACTION ITEM)

The MAC has the opportunity to host an Art Demonstrator booth at the Artwalk Season Finale on June 15, 2023. The MACtivities booth at Artwalk in 2022 featured a make-your-own-button opportunity for event attendees. It was wildly popular, with over 300 attendees in just 4 hours. The MAC is asked to discuss options for hosting either a button booth or other MACtivities feature for the June Artwalk Season Finale, bearing in mind that MAC volunteers will be needed to host the booth.

PROPOSED ACTION: Recommend a MACtivities booth for the Artwalk Season Finale, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Commission members inquired about available materials for the Artwalk Season Finale MACtivities Booth and discussed booth options for the event. Members were in favor of hosting a make-your-own-button booth again this year. Clark volunteered to help with hosting and the Commission asked Cherry to bring the request for volunteers to the May meeting when more members would be present.

Clark moved, Johnson seconded to hosting a make-your-own-button booth at the Artwalk Season Finale. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None

REPORTS

1. Volunteer Hour Tally for February 2023 (Petit)

Commission members provided their volunteer hours for February and March.

2. MAC Volunteer Shifts (Cherry)

April Artwalk @ TSG	Thurs., Apr. 20	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	1. McCleary
June Artwalk Flyer Assembly	Mon., June 5	1:00 p.m. – 3 p.m.	1. Foard 2. Wagner 3. Parker
	Tues., June 6	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	1. Walker 2. X 3. X
MAC @ MFM	Sat., June 10	8:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.	1. Wagner 2. X
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Cherry asked Commission members for volunteers at the April Artwalk event, for June Artwalk Flyer Assembly, and to table at the Moscow Farmer's Market prior to the Artwalk Season Finale.

Staff Report (Cherry)

Cherry reported the purchase of Shelly Gilmore's artwork, *Shortest Shower of the Week Award* from the Honorable Mention exhibition for the Portable Collection.

Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival Poster Unveiling

Cherry announced a successful Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival Poster Unveiling with approximately 60 attendees and music provided by the University of Idaho Jazz Choir 2. This event was last held in 2019 and will hopefully continue at City Hall in coming years.

Storm Drain Murals & Vinyl Wraps

Cherry informed the Commission that the artwork for both programs is in production and that all artist contracts and payments are complete. Cherry felt like it was a smooth process working on both programs at the same time and anticipates artwork to be installed in time for the May or June Artwalk.

Obsession at the Third Street Gallery

Cherry gave Commission members the postcard for *Obsession* and announced that there were 30 national and regional artists in the exhibition. Installation would take place through the weekend and be open by April 20th.

Artwalk on April 20

Cherry mentioned that there were 10 host locations for the April 20th Artwalk. When comparing registrations at this point in 2022 versus 2023, there has been a 26% increase in host locations and a 52% increase in arts listings. During the 2021-2022 season there were 81 total hosts and 133 listings, and the current season is on track to surpass those numbers. Cherry said that a full season registration report would be available in May or June and added that next year is the 20th anniversary of Artwalk.

Open Opportunities: ITC Sculpture Garden, June Artwalk

Cherry explained that the ITC Sculpture Garden call for art will be open until April 21st and expects as the honorarium comes into closer alignment with the market, the opportunity will attract more regional artists in addition to university students. Cherry handed out a brochure describing opportunities for host locations, vendors, and artists to participate in the June Artwalk Season Finale. Commission members discussed the numerous ways to participate and how businesses could find artists through the Artist Directory on the City website.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

