

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



Lauren McCleary
Chair

~Minutes~

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Tuesday, May 9, 2023

5:00 PM

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

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Lauren McCleary (Chair), Sue Clark, Sonja Foard, Aaron Johnson, Erica Wagner, JacQueline Walker, Donna Woolston

ABSENT: Cindy Barnhart, Kathryn Bonzo, Katherine Clancy (Vice Chair), Sandra Stoops, David Wilson

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 Foard.

2. Approval of Moscow Arts Commission April 11, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

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

The April minutes were reviewed by the Commission. Foard moved, Walker 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. 2023 MAC Subcommittee Assignments (ACTION ITEM)

Moscow Arts Commission members are encouraged to participate in the following subcommittees. These groups meet in person on an as-needed basis, often convening to create a recommendation for the full Commission to vote on during a subsequent meeting. Each subcommittee is limited to three participants.

Events & Programs

Advise on projects such as:

- Artwalk
- Mayor's Arts Awards
- Event Tabling

Third Street Gallery

Advise on projects such as:

- Third Street Gallery
- Palouse Plein Air

Arts & Culture Education

Advise on projects such as:

- Moscow Poet Laureate
- Entertainment in the Park
- Arts Education & MACtivities

Public Art

Advise on projects such as:

- ITC Sculpture Garden, Storm Drain Murals, and Vinyl-wrapped Traffic Boxes
- 1% Public Art Plan Priorities
- Public Art Stewardship Plan

PROPOSED ACTION: Assign commission members to the various 2023 subcommittees and approve the assignments, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

McCleary explained that the subcommittees meet as needed and then bring items to the MAC for a full vote. Cherry mentioned that the Third Street Gallery subcommittee would need to meet soon to discuss the 2024 exhibition schedule. After some discussion, the consensus for subcommittee assignments for 2023 were:

Events & Programs: Barnhart, Bonzo, Clancy

Third Street Gallery: Foard, Johnson, Wilson

Arts & Culture Education: McCleary, Stoops, Wagner

Public Art: Walker, Clark, Woolston

Foard Moved, Clark seconded to approve the discussed slate of subcommittee assignments.

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

5. Artwalk Survey Questions (DISCUSSION)

The MAC and Arts staff surveyed the Moscow community in 2020 to evaluate interest in expanding Artwalk from an annual event to a 9-month season of monthly events. Following the completion of two subsequent 9-month Artwalk seasons, the MAC is invited to consider surveying the community again. Discussion could include types of participants to survey as well as potential questions to pose in the survey.

The Commission discussed options for surveying the community to evaluate the expanded 9-month season. Several members felt it was unnecessary at this point and suggested repeating the survey every 5 years or so unless there was a drastic change to the event. Woolston mentioned identifying any barriers to entry and expanding Artwalk's connections to artists.

REPORTS

1. Volunteer Hour Tally for April 2023 (Petit)

2. MAC Volunteer Shifts (Cherry)

June Artwalk Flyer Assembly	Mon., June 5	1:00 p.m. – 3 p.m.	1. Sonja 2. Erica 3. Julia
	Tues., June 6	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	1. JacQueline 2. 3.

Woolston volunteered to help assemble June Artwalk flyers.

MAC @ MFM	Sat., June 10	8:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.	1. Erica 2.
		10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	1. JacQueline 2.

Parker and Foard volunteered to table at the Moscow Farmers Market.

MACTivities at Artwalk	Thurs., June 15	3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	1. 2. 3.
		6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	1. 2. 3.

McCleary and Clark volunteered for MACTivities at Artwalk. Clark also mentioned recruiting friends to help.

Staff Report (Cherry)

Teal Hen

Cherry reported that the Pintail Drake was sold to another buyer and that we will be in receipt of the Teal Hen. A Purchase agreement was sent out to Carol Werner and when that is returned, Cherry would pick up the Teal Hen.

ITC Sculpture Garden, Storm Drain Murals, and Vinyl Wraps

Cherry announced that the sculptures for the ITC Sculpture Garden were installed on Monday, May 8 and the Storm Drain Murals will be placed on the 18th. Cherry mentioned that two of the Vinyl Wraps had been installed (3rd and Jackson and 6th and Jackson). The remaining two would be installed weather permitting.

Community Member Public Art Recommendation

Cherry brought a letter from a community member to the MAC's attention that mentioned public murals and was signed with a first name but did have a return address. Cherry said that after discussion with Deputy City Supervisor, Cody Riddle, City staff will pursue additional information. Commission members discussed several ways to start a conversation with the area arts and business groups about public murals in Moscow.

ICA Artrepreneur at the Third Street Gallery

Cherry announced that the next exhibition for the Third Street Gallery would feature artworks by the 2022 cohort for the ICA Artrepreneur program. The exhibition would be installed in July and be on display until the end of August. Following ICA Artrepreneur would be Palouse Plein Air and *Illumination*, featuring the work of a group of Palouse illustrators.

Artwalk on May 18

Cherry reported that there would be 8 host locations for the May 18 Artwalk. For the June 15 Season Finale, Jesse Clyde would be designing 6 buttons for the MACtivities Button Booth. The designs would be interactive for participants to add color, text, and imagery. Clyde's designs would be brought to the next MAC meeting.

Artwalk Season Registration Report

Cherry intends to provide a full season report at the next MAC meeting, however, mentioned there are 26 host locations, 7 food & non-alcoholic beverage vendors, 21 art/vendor demonstrators, and 5 beer & wine vendors for the June Artwalk Season Finale.

Current Opportunities: Palouse Plein Air

Cherry announced the opening of registration for Palouse Plein Air and offered rack cards to the MAC to distribute. Welcome boxes for the event would include a save the date for 2024 so artists would have advance notice to plan their schedules.

Cherry also handed out bookmarks for the Entertainment in the Park events and said that the Moscow Public Library would distribute them as outreach to the schools. The bookmarks feature the 2023 performers, including Matt Baker and The Reptile Lady.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

