

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



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5:00 PM

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

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

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.

2. Approval of Moscow Arts Commission June 13, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

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

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.

4. Third Street Gallery 2024 Schedule (ACTION ITEM)

The Third Street Gallery (TSG) subcommittee proposes a slate of exhibitions for the calendar year 2024. 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 2024 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 2024 Third Street Gallery schedule as presented, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

5. Commission Survey Questions (ACTION ITEM)

The MAC is invited to consider the history of Arts-related questions asked in community surveys from 2002-2019. From 2002-2014 the Commission questions were integrated into the Citizen Survey. The 2016 survey consisted only of the Citizen Survey questions and starting in 2017 Commission questions were sent out separately in their own survey. The 2019 Commission survey was never approved by City Council or published as the onset of Covid prioritized other projects. Starting with the 2017 Commission survey, questions were organized by Commission whereas previous surveys were scrambled. The 2017 survey also included each Commission's mission statement.

In 2023, each Commission is invited to list five questions they would like to have the public respond to and prioritize them from most important to least important for inclusion on the survey. Questions from all Commissions will be prioritized and the survey will be sent out at the beginning of October. The intent is to select questions that can be repeated over the course of several survey periods in order to study consistent data points over time.

PROPOSED ACTION: Identify five questions to be considered for inclusion in the Commission Survey, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

6. Portable Collection Donation Proposal (ACTION ITEM)

Carol Werner has offered a donation of six artworks from a collection built with her late husband, duck decoy carver Frank Werner. These include works on paper by regional artists as well as one artwork by an unknown artist. The value of the artworks has yet to be determined. Potential framing updates may include the addition of conservation glass and archival matting materials.

Following discussion and a vote by a majority of MAC members to recommend acceptance of the donation, Arts staff will work with the Legal Department to draft agreements for review by City Council alongside the donation proposal. Artwork will be installed and insured pending Council approval.

PROPOSED ACTION: Recommend City Council approval of the donation proposal, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

7. Mural on Water Department Building at Jackson & A Streets (DISCUSSION)

As part of the consideration of the potential mural site at the Water Filter Plant, the Public Art subcommittee has discussed options for a theme to guide the project description. The MAC is invited to discuss themes for the mural at this early stage of project development.

REPORTS

- 1. Public Art Subcommittee Report (Walker)**
- 2. Third Street Gallery Subcommittee Report**
- 3. Volunteer Hour Tally for June 2023 (Cherry)**
- 4. Staff Report (Cherry)**
 - Entertainment in the Park
 - Elevated Perspective
 - 2023-2024 Artwalk Season Preparation
 - Current Opportunities: Palouse Plein Air, Artwalk Season Poster

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