

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



Lauren McCleary
Chair

~Agenda~

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Staff Liaison

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**Tuesday,
November 14, 2023**

5:00 PM

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

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

Clancy called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

PRESENT: David Wilson, Sonja Foard, Catherine Clancy, Gail Martin, Cindy Barnhart, Erica Wagner, Sandra Stoops, Sue Clark, JacQueline Walker, Aaron Johnson
ABSENT: Lauren McCleary
STAFF: Bill Belknap, Megan Cherry, Cody Riddle, Taylor Riedner
OTHERS: Mayor Art Bettge, Council Member Julia Parker

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 August 8, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Wagner moved to approve the minutes as presented and Wilson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 9, Abstentions: Foard. Motion carried.

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.

REPORTS

1. Public Art Subcommittee Report (Walker)

Walker shared the mural will reflect the spirit of play, celebration, and transformation adding that artist eligibility will likely include ages 18 and over for safety reasons due to the location of the mural. Additional information can be found in the meeting packet.

Johnson asked who is supplying a scissor lift, street closures, supplies, etc. Clark shared that the finalist will be awarded \$1,000 and the City will be paying no more than \$25,000 for the project.

2. Volunteer Hour Tally for August – October, 2023 (Cherry)

Commission members provided their volunteer hours for the previous months.

3. Staff Report (Cherry)

2023-2024 Artwalk Season Update

The numbers for Artwalk Season Host locations are much higher this season (12) than this time last season (7). October also had double digits in host locations (12) and November had 13. The CDA Arts and Culture Alliance called and asked Cherry how Moscow Artwalk operations work due to the great success.

Third Street Gallery & The Box Gallery

The new show in the box gallery by Tara Oar which was installed on November 13, 2023 and the last day of the exhibition will be January 5, 2024.

Multitudes will be installed on the 3rd floor of the Third Street Gallery by UI artists on November 15, 2023. Each will each hang their own artwork and the exhibition will stay up until January 5, 2024. Students get to learn how to install their own work including hanging wire, placing labels, etc.

Honest Portrayal will be installed in January and submission period is open until December 22.

2024 Arts Programming Update

Belknap (Moscow City Supervisor) shared City-wide programming changes due to financial difficulty that came from a case against the City of Lewiston. This funding challenge results in nearly \$2.6 Million deficit per year. Cost reductions include personnel and department expenditures, but the overall goal is to reduce work load and improve operational balancing.

Details for the following Art Program changes are included in the packet. Programs that will continue as planned include Artwalk, Mayor's Arts Awards, Public Art Permanent Collection, Transit Center Sculpture Garden, Palouse Plein Air, 3rd Street Galley, and The Box Gallery.

Programs that are being proposed to put on pause for one year include Moscow Poet Laureate, Vinyl Wraps, and Storm Drain Murals.

Programs that are being recommended for discontinuation include Entertainment in the Park and the Moscow Arts Commission (MAC) Band.

Bill Voxman (Moscow) shared his opinion regarding the discontinuation of the MAC Band. He stated the band would continue independently and will try to hold 4-5 concerts in City parks and receive help from the Moscow High School. The director of the band AJ Miller understands the discontinuation due to limitations. The City has expressed support of the band continuing and will honor a waived fee for park use in the future.

Clancy asked if there are any limitations for volunteers to help the department. Cherry stated that helping with gallery tours or attending Artwalk events is helpful.

Clark mentioned that program pauses and cuts primarily affected literary and performing arts, noting that most things left are visual art. Johnson said that the Artwalk and 3rd Street Gallery still welcomes all forms of art. Foard suggested featuring literary and performing art at the Mayor's Arts Awards.

ADJOURN

Sonja motioned to adjourn and JacQueline seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.

