

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



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~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
July 9, 2024**

5:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:05PM

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Stefan Yauchzee, Donna Woolston, Sonja Foard, Gail Martin, Sue Clark, Aaron Johnson, David Wilson, Jacob Wilson, Cindy Barnhart (5:11PM)

ABSENT: Sandra Stoops, Erica Wagner

OTHERS: Council Member Sandra Kelly

STAFF: Megan Cherry, Taylor Riedner

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.

Wilson read the mission statement.

2. Approval of Moscow Arts Commission May 14, 2024 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

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

Woolston motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Foard seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes; 7. Nays; 0. Abstentions; Yauchzee. 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.

None offered

4. Mural Selected Artist (ACTION ITEM)

Following the MAC's May 14, 2024 vote to recommend the three finalists, Jay Rasgorshek, Ernesto Maranje, and Darion Fleming, the finalists created site specific designs. The designs were available for public viewing and comment from June 25 – 27. Also during that time, the Selection Panel viewed the submitted materials. Artist video presentations are included here:

Darion Flemming | DaFlemingo - <https://youtu.be/DY5wTSNZxLc>

Ernesto Maranje - <https://youtu.be/6fxS7DUNbmM>

Jay Rasgorshek - <https://youtu.be/AB1CHQMz07w>

The Selection Panel convened to discuss and score the designs, ultimately voting to recommend the design submitted by Jay Rasgorshek of Boise, ID. The Selection Panel recommends that the artist submit a second version of the design featuring two color shifts: one in the negative space inside the arch shapes behind the flora and fauna as well as in the negative space around the arches. The MAC is invited to consider the in-meeting scorecard as well as the materials submitted by the three finalists and to recommend one selected artist for City Council's consideration and approval.

PROPOSED ACTION: Approve the selected artist, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Wilson reflected on the Mural Panel Subcommittee meeting and how they decided on Jay Rasgorshek as the preferred artist. The subcommittee suggesting asking for different options of the cream-colored background.

Cherry mentioned there was accepted public comment both online and in person. 316 comments were received online and the subcommittee's proposal aligned with most comments received. Cherry will reach out to the artist to request background options and a side by side comparison will be brought back to the commission.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed background changes. There was concern about adding too much contrast to the art and losing the focal points. Another suggestion was to add a water element to help with the background.

Foard motioned to approve the recommend artist (Rasgorshek) with the condition to provide additional background options to compare with the original submission.

REPORTS

1. Mural Selection Panel (Wilson)

See notes above.

2. Volunteer Hour Tally for June 2024 (Cherry)

3. Staff Report (Cherry)

re: present at the Third Street Gallery

Cherry mentioned that artwork started being received today and will be going up this weekend. There are artists from this area as well as a few from other states. The exhibition was juried by Val Carter. There will be a closing reception consisting of a few poetry readings. The City will forego Poetry in the Park this year for this reason.

Palouse Plein Air

Registration is now open and around 15 submissions have already come in. This is the 15th year of the event.

Artwalk Poster Art RFP

The RFP is now open and artists have an opportunity to have their artwork purchased for up to \$600 and the artist is not required to create a new piece specifically for this opportunity.

An Artwalk summary report will be presented at the August meeting.

ADJOURN

Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting, Yauchzee seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37PM

