

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



Aaron Johnson
Commission Chair

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**Tuesday,
February 11, 2025**

5:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. Third Street**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stefan Yauchzee, Sandra Stoops, Sue Clark, Erica Wagner, Sonja Foard, Kim Crimmins, Gail Martin, Jacob Wilson, Cindy Barnhart (5:09PM), Donna Woolston (5:14PM)
MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Chamberlain, Aaron Johnson
OTHERS: Bryce Blankenship
STAFF: Megan Cherry, Taylor Riedner

Minutes Approved On

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.*

Martin read the statement.

2. Approval of Moscow Arts Commission January 14, 2025 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Wagner motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Yauchzee seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 7; Abstentions: Barnhart, Crimmins; Nays: 0. 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. FY26 MAC Budget Request (ACTION ITEM)

Each year, City Commissions are invited to present a budget request for projects or initiatives that are aligned with the MAC purpose as defined in City Code and are feasible in regard to operational capacity. Following a discussion and majority vote by the MAC to identify specific projects and recommended funding levels, MAC Chair will forward the request, via Arts staff, to City Administration and Council.

Discussion ensued regarding current needs within the department including pedestals for the Third Street Gallery. Cherry mentioned that pedestals could be included in the Third Street Gallery budget for FY26. Blankenship mentioned that all departments are seeing some tight budget restrictions this fiscal year not just the Arts Department.

Wagner motioned to not ask for any MAC budget, Clark seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: unanimous. Motion carried.

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5. ITC Sculpture Garden RFP & Selection Panel (ACTION ITEM)

The annual call for sculptures to be installed at the Intermodal Transit Center (ITC) Sculpture Garden is scheduled to be published in February 2025. The program invites artists to submit photos of existing sculptures. The selection panel will identify up to four artworks to be installed for one year at the ITC Sculpture Garden. Shifts to this program include an increase in the artist honorarium from \$600 in 2023 and \$800 in 2024 to \$1000 in 2025. The honoraria have increased steadily in recent years to achieve market alignment for this type of program.

The MAC is invited to discuss and identify a range of potential participants for the Selection Panel. The Selection Panel will be comprised of the following 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)*

Following a majority vote of MAC members to recommend the RFP and a slate of selection panel members, Arts staff will facilitate the submission and selection processes.

Cherry mentioned that she will take care of reaching out to ITC and UI Art + Design for a panel member. Clark mentioned Stewart Taylor as a UI Facilities Staff Member and will send Cherry contact information. Barnhart offered to participate as the MAC representative. Martin mentioned ceramics teacher Denae Beyer and an alternate Karen Dowling was mentioned. Wilson motioned to approve the slate of suggested panel members as noted. Clark seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes; Unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS

1. Volunteer Hour Tally for December 2024 (Cherry)

2. Staff Report (Cherry)

February Artwalk

There are 7 hosts for February this year and there were 8 in February last year.

Wild Light at the Third Street Gallery

The exhibition will consist of wildlife photography and will be invitation only starting in April.

Public Art Updates

Vinyl wrap submissions are starting and open until the end of the month.

- **City Shop**

After discussing with city staff, it was determined that the fence will likely not be the best fit for an art location due to durability. However, there is a possibility of flanking the gate with walls on either side that may support murals. Staff will be reaching out to the contractors to determine viability.

- **East City Park Stage**

There will be public outreach on the project on February 25th and March 1st. The stage replacement project has been in the works since 2010.

- **PUW Airport Terminal**

Arts staff has been part of initial conversations about public art at the new terminal.

Arts Staff Update

Cherry announced that Taylor Riedner, who has been assisting the Arts Department, recently announced her departure from the City. Cherry and MAC members thanked her for her service.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM