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MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Tuesday,
March 11, 2025

5:00 PM

Council Chambers
206 E. Third Street

Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:17 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aaron Johnson, Chair: Cindy Barnhart, Sue Clark, Sonja Foard, Gail Martin, Sandra Stoops, Stefan Yauchzee
MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Chamberlain, Kim Crimmins, Erica Wagner, Jacob Wilson, Donna Woolston
OTHERS: Bryce Blankenship
STAFF: Megan Cherry, Jennifer Fleischman, Britany Luft

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.*

Foard read the mission statement.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2025 (ACTION ITEM)

Yauchzee moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Foard. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous (7). Abstentions: None. Nays: None. 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.

4. Third Street Gallery 2026 Schedule

MAC members are invited to discuss potential exhibitions for 2026. The Third Street Gallery (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. Exhibition timeslots are as follows:

January - April

April - July

July - September

September - October

October - December

PALOUSE PLEIN AIR

During a regular meeting of the MAC on April 9, 2024, members voted to approve the 2025 TSG schedule. Also at that time, members discussed an exhibition celebrating the 50th anniversary of Moscow Farmers Market (MFM) in 2026. Members noted that while full development of the 2026 TSG schedule would not take place until spring of 2025, the initial recommendation was to reserve the January – April 2026 exhibition slot for a community show entitled Produce.

Following the discussion, Arts Staff will create a 2026 TSG schedule which will appear on the next regular MAC agenda as an action item.

Johnson and Cherry discussed categories of exhibitions that are typically programmed for the Third Street Gallery in 2026, with the possible inclusion of a 50th anniversary celebration for Moscow Farmers Market. There was a discussion about some of the other area galleries and working around their typical schedules or incorporating different events that would not conflict. Staff mentioned that the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence will be in 2026 as well, and there is a potential to work with the Latah County Historical Society for an exhibition. There were some other ideas proposed for the 2026 gallery schedule.

Staff reviewed the 2025 Gallery schedule for the Commissioners. There was a discussion about creating variety in the proposed shows, including using different mediums and varying methods of soliciting art submissions. Cherry will work on the proposed 2026 schedule and bring back a tentative plan for the Commissioners' review and approval.

REPORTS

1. Volunteer Hour Tally for February 2025 (Cherry)

2. Staff Report (Cherry)

Arts Staff Update

Artwalk will be moving underneath the Chamber of Commerce's jurisdiction after the end of the 2025 season finale in June. Staff updated the Commission on some other changes that will be implemented over the next year.

March Artwalk

There are six registered host locations for the upcoming Artwalk.

Wild Light at the Third Street Gallery

The next TSG exhibit will begin in April.

Vinyl Wrap Update

There will be an update on Vinyl Wraps at the next meeting.

Moscow Poet Laureate RFP and selection timing

The next Poet Laureate Request for Proposals (RFP) is scheduled for June, closing in August.

Public Art Updates

The City is looking into adopting a digital art management system.

- *City Shop*

Staff will provide more information and design drawings once they are available.

- *East City Park Stage*

There was an open house meeting on Thursday March 6th soliciting comments from the public. The replacement stage is tentatively planned to be built in 2026.

- *PUW Airport Terminal*

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.