

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
May 13, 2025**

5:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. Third Street**

Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

The Commissioners provided introductions for the newest Commission member, Michelle Chamberlain.

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 March 11, 2025 (ACTION ITEM)

Yauchzee moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Foard. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Clark, Foard, Johnson, Martin, Stoops, Yauchzee (6). Abstentions: Woolston, Crimmins, Chamberlain (3). 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 (ACTION ITEM)

MAC members discussed potential exhibitions for 2026 at their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 11th. Members are now invited to discuss and vote to recommend both an updated schedule for 2025 and a schedule for 2026 in the Third Street Gallery.

Johnson proposed an updated schedule, as described above, with some minor amendments according to Staff. There was a brief conversation about the show scheduled for summer 2025.

Clark moved to approve the 2025 and 2026 Third Street Gallery schedule as presented, seconded by Foard. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous (9). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

5. Moscow Poet Laureate RFP (ACTION ITEM)

A call for submissions for the 4th Moscow Poet Laureate is set to open in June 2025. MAC members are invited to review, discuss, and vote on the RFP.

Cherry presented the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Moscow Poet Laureate. The Commission talked about the process for moving forward with the RFP and discussed that it would be published in June 2025 with the final selection process being done by the Moscow Arts Commission.

Yauchzee moved to approve the Poet Laureate RFP as presented, seconded by Foard. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous (9). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

6. Vinyl Mural at City Hall

A new parking lot light installation at City Hall resulted in a junction box across from the east entrance to the building. Engineering staff installed an aluminum panel, recycled from the City sign shop, on the west side of the junction box. The MAC is invited to discuss options for installing a vinyl mural. Following the discussion, Arts staff will prepare an RFP document to be reviewed, discussed, and voted on at a regular MAC meeting in the future.

Cherry proposed a new location for a mural: a light junction box situated in the parking lot of City Hall. The vinyl wrap would last about 5 years and Cherry recommends a \$300 Artist Honorarium. The commission discussed the possibility of expanding the submissions to encourage participants under the age of 18 to participate. Eligibility is limited to those living within City Limits and a prompt or inspiration piece will be included with the RFP. The proposed advertising time for the mural project would be June/July 2025, the design selection will be during the September MAC meeting, and installation will be in September/October. The commission agreed that the proposed theme would be Squirrels and Peanuts. Staff will provide a draft RFP for Commission approval at the next meeting.

REPORTS

1. Volunteer Hour Tally for March and April 2025 (Cherry)

2. Subcommittee Report: Vinyl Wrap Selection Panel (Cherry)

The Vinyl Wrap Selection Panel met on March 11 to review, discuss, and vote on 18 submissions for 4 vinyl wrap installations. Members selected:

- *Flutterbyes and Dragonflies by Jean Crawford Evans (Between Jackson and Main)*
- *Moscow Seasons by Garrett Britton (Deakin and 6th)*
- *Local Bounty by Josiah Nance (Stadium and Hwy 8)*
- *Daisy Chain by KJ Elmore (Welcome Garden)*

Staff gave a brief report on the Vinyl Wrap Selection Panel Committee's work. There are now 23 vinyl wrapped locations around town.

3. Subcommittee Report: ITC Sculpture Garden Selection Panel (Cherry)

The ITC Sculpture Garden Selection Panel met on April 21 to review, discuss, and vote on 10 submissions for 4 installation locations. Members selected:

- *The Learning Cube by Kendra Marquardt*
- *Out of Water by Maple Cooper*
- *Universal Sound by Kurt David Wester*
- *Conjoined by Liam Peterson*

Staff informed the Commission of what the ITC Sculpture Garden Selection Panel has been doing.

4. Staff Report (Cherry)

May Artwalk

There are six registered host locations for the upcoming Artwalk. The Arts Department is soliciting more submissions for locations for the June Artwalk.

Public Art Updates

Staff is working to implement objectives listed in the Public Art Master Plan, including adopting a digital collection management system, and proposing an increase to the percent for art amount.

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM.

Minutes Approved On

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Clerk/Deputy Signature