

# MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



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**Regular Meeting**  
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,  
December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**5:00 PM**

**Council Chambers  
206 E. Third St.**

**Foard called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sonja Foard, Vice Chair: Cindy Barnhart, Sue Clark, Kim Crimmins, Jacob Wilson, Donna Woolston, Stefan Yauchzee  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Chamberlain, Gail Martin, Sandra Stoops, Erica Wagner  
OTHERS: Bryce Blankenship  
STAFF: Megan Cherry, 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.*

Clark read the mission statement.

### **2. Approval of Minutes from October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (ACTION ITEM)**

Woolston moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Yauchzee. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: (7). Abstentions: (0). Nays: None. Unanimous. 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.*

Cynthia King, journalist with Moscow Report

Evan Holmes, Moscow resident and newly elected 2026 City Council Member

Sage McCetich, Moscow resident and newly elected 2026 City Council Member

**4. Election of Moscow Arts Commission Chair and Vice Chair (ACTION ITEM)**

*Discuss and elect a MAC Chair and Vice Chair for 2026.*

Staff discussed nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

Barnhart moved to nominate Sonja Foard for 2026 Chair and Stefan Yauchzee for 2026 Vice Chair, seconded by Clark. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: (7). Abstentions: (0). Nays: None. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**5. Public Art at the Moscow Police Department (DISCUSSION)**

*During the MAC’s regular meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Commission members discussed options for an installation to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MPD Officer Newbill’s passing on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Staff met with MPD officers to explore the project further. MAC members are invited to discuss themes and materials for the site.*

Commission member Sandra Stoops arrived.

Staff discussed ideas for potential materials and themes. It was noted that the most suitable materials this budget would accommodate are stone or steel; however, this will be left up to interpretation for the artist. Cherry reported that ideas have been coming in from current PD and retired PD staff. Themes that were discussed include the MPD badge and patch, a star and eagle, and a sheepdog and lion. MPD has expressed that they would like the piece to be an inspiring symbol to their new recruits.

The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for this project will be prepared in time for the January MAC meeting. Staff discussed including scale specifications to the RFQ. The site dimensions will be a minimum 14-16 feet tall. Additionally, there was discussion regarding whether to specify the use of local natural materials such as basalt or granite, in the RFQ.

**Anticipated Project Timeline for MPD Public Art:**

Feb-March 2026	Call to artists
April	1 <sup>st</sup> round selection
May	Finalists prepare site designs
June-July	Selection by MAC & Council
August	Design Confirmation & Contract
April 2027	Installation

**6. Public Art at East City Park Stage (DISCUSSION)**

*At the September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 MAC meeting, Community Development Director Cody Riddle presented the 30% design of the new stage. During the October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting, the MAC discussed options for integrating Public Art at the site. Members reached an informal consensus regarding the installation of art on the walls above the CMU sections flanking the downstage edge of the stage platform. MAC members also suggested installing complementary components in the pathways leading up to the stage. MAC members are now invited to further develop the concept, after which point staff will work with the project manager and architects to ensure feasibility and appropriate timelines.*

The staff reviewed the maximum allowable square footage within the budget and revisited the option of keeping the art pieces downstage rather than surrounding the stage. Additionally, there was a brief discussion regarding potential strategies for integrating artwork into the new walkways.

The next step will be for Cherry to coordinate with David Schott from the City of Moscow Parks Department and the project architect.

## REPORTS

### 1. Volunteer Hour Tally for October and November 2025 (Cherry)

### 2. Staff Report (Cherry)

#### *Peanut Project*

Cherry reported this piece has been successfully installed in the City Hall parking lot.

#### *Mural at City Shop*

Cherry noted that she has been working with the Engineering Department regarding the shape and structure of the wall. The call for Artists will be ready first thing in January for MAC review. A tentative timeline includes artwork being selected and the wall complete by August/September 2026.

#### *Poetry in the Park*

Cherry reported that August 27<sup>th</sup> will be the 2026 calendar date for Poetry in the Park.

#### *Palouse Plein Air Dates for 2026*

The exhibition will be up for a longer time frame in 2026. Dates mentioned were September 17<sup>th</sup> through the end of October.

**The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.**

**Minutes Approved On**

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Clerk/Deputy Signature