

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
January 13th, 2026**

5:00 PM

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sonja Foard, Chair: Cindy Barnhart, Sue Clark, Sandra Stoops, Erica Wagner, Stefan Yauchzee
MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Chamberlain, Kim Crimmins, Donna Woolston
OTHERS: Scott Sumner
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.*

Stoops read the mission statement.

2. Approval of Minutes from December 9th, 2025 (ACTION ITEM)

Yauchzee moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Clark. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: (4). Abstentions: (1). 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.

Cynthia King, journalist with Moscow Report

4. City Shop Mural Selection Panel (ACTION ITEM)

The RFQ period for the City Shop Mural is now open through March 2nd, 2026. The MAC is invited to provide recommendations for the following Selection Panel members:

- *MAC Members (2)*
- *Community representative, preferably from project impact area (1)*
- *Artist not involved with the public art project (1)*

Staff discussed recommendations for Panel members.

Erica Wagner and Sonja Foard volunteered to serve on the selection committee as the two (2) MAC members.

Brook Lowry and Willow London were discussed as possible community representatives. PCEI was discussed as another community representative / business from the area.

The committee discussed David Herbold and John Larkin as possible local artist representatives for the selection panel.

Yauchzee moved to approve Wagner and Foard as the MAC members for the City Shop mural selection panel, and to approve Cherry to reach out to the mentioned names above for possible selection panel spots, seconded by Stoops. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: (5). Abstentions: (0). Nays: None. Unanimous. Motion carried.

5. Moscow Police Department RFQ (ACTION ITEM)

The MAC and members of MPD staff have worked to develop a Public Art project for the Moscow Police Station. MAC members are now invited to:

- *Review the RFQ draft and propose any changes*
- *Recommend one (1) MAC member and one (1) artist from the community to serve on the Selection Panel.*

Upon recommendation by the MAC, Arts staff will present the project to City Council for approval.

The project is scheduled for installation in conjunction with the 20th anniversary of a shooting incident that occurred in Moscow in 2007.

Staff noted that AI was not used to develop text for this project, rather that the writing was informed by members of the MAC and MPD.

Members of the Moscow Police Department shared iconography related to law enforcement and to the specific incident, including a sheepdog, a bald eagle, a five-point star, and the Moscow clock tower.

The committee briefly reviewed the proposed installation site, specifications, timeline, and budget. The total proposed budget is \$95,000, with the project timeline extending from the Call to Artists in February/March 2026 to the completion of the art installation in April 2027.

One aspect of this project is the expectation that the artist remains open to feedback and may be asked to make minor modifications to the sculpture if necessary.

Yauchzee volunteered to serve on the panel as the one (1) MAC member

J. Casey Doyle and Tharique de Silva were discussed as potential panel members for the Artist spot.

Yauchzee moved to proceed with the RFQ as presented and to approve Cherry to reach out to the mentioned names above for possible selection panel spots for the Moscow Police Station art project, seconded by Wagner. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: (5). Abstentions: (0). Nays: None. Unanimous. Motion carried.

6. Vinyl Wrap RFP and Selection Panel (ACTION ITEM)

The 2026 call for vinyl wrap designs is scheduled to be published in January 2026. The program invites artists to submit print-ready designs for installation in vinyl on traffic control boxes throughout the community. The program is set to accept one (1) submission from each artist. Installations slated for this year include the replacement of vinyl on four (4) boxes already incorporated into the collection.

The MAC is invited to provide recommendations for the following Selection Panel members:

- *MAC Member (1)*
- *Local Business Representatives (2)*

Stoops volunteered to serve as the MAC member for the selection panel.

Red Star Coffee, Moscow Apparel and Latah Realty were discussed as potential business representatives.

Barnhart moved to proceed with the RFQ as presented and to approve Cherry to reach out to the mentioned names above for possible selection panel spots for the Vinyl Wrap project, seconded by Yauchzee. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: (5). Abstentions: (0). Nays: None. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS

1. Volunteer Hour Tally for December 2025 (Cherry)

2. Staff Report (Cherry)

“Produce” at the Third Street Gallery

Cherry reported that this exhibition is up and available for viewing on the 3rd floor of City Hall. The exhibition commemorates the 50th anniversary of Moscow Farmer’s Market. Thursday, January 15th will be the public reception.

Mural at City Shop


Cherry reported that the call for artists has been sent out and there has been a lot of interest. Cherry noted that she has been working with the Engineering Department regarding the shape and structure of the wall. A tentative timeline includes artwork being selected and the wall complete by August/September 2026.

East City Park Stage (briefly addressed)

Cherry will continue to check in with Moscow Parks manager David Schott about the East City Park Stage and incorporating art into the pathways and stage structure.

Minutes Approved On

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.

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Clerk/Deputy Signature