

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
February 10th, 2026**

5:00 PM

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

Foard called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sonja Foard, Chair: Cindy Barnhart, Michelle Chamberlain, Sandra Stoops, Erica Wagner, Stefan Yauchzee
MEMBERS ABSENT: 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.*

Foard read the mission statement.

2. Approval of Minutes from January 13th, 2026 (ACTION ITEM)

Yauchzee moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Barnhart. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: (6). Abstentions: (0). 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. ITC RFP & Selection Panel (ACTION ITEM)

Arts staff has updated the annual call for sculptures to be installed at the Intermodal Transit Center Sculpture Garden. 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 publish the RFP and coordinate the Selection Panel process.

Staff discussed the draft RFQ. No changes were recommended.

Staff discussed recommendations for Panel members.

Cindy Barnhart volunteered to serve on the selection committee as the MAC member.

Shelly Gilmore and Jeanne Woods were discussed as possible artists from the community to serve on the selection panel.

Yauchzee moved to approve the RFQ as presented, as well as electing Barnhart as the MAC member for the ITC Sculpture Garden selection panel, and to approve Cherry to reach out to the mentioned name(s) above for the second selection panel spot, seconded by Wagner. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: (6). Abstentions: (0). Nays: None. Unanimous. Motion carried.

5. FY27 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.

Staff discussed adding to the Portable Collection in FY27, first considering what well-known regional artists were not represented in the collection yet. Artists Marilyn Lysohir and Ross Coates were provided as examples. The Commission discussed studying the roster of artists already in the collection to identify priorities for accessions in FY27 and in future years.

Staff shared that Commission requests were typically between \$2,000 and \$4,000 and that City Administration and Council would approve or reduce the appropriation as budget required.

Barnhart moved to recommend the FY27 MAC project focuses on adding pieces to the portable art collection and requesting \$4,000 from Council. Seconded by Stoops. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: (6). Abstentions: (0). Nays: None. Motion carried.

6. East City Park Stage (DISCUSSION)

The MAC has discussed a variety of possibilities for public art to be installed in conjunction with the new East City Park stage. At their regular meeting on December 9th, 2025, the Commission discussed a preference for installing art above the CMU sections of the downstage walls facing the audience. The MAC also discussed possible integration of art elements to mark pathways within the park. Arts staff, the project manager, and the project architect have discussed options, and the MAC is now invited to consider the topic further.

Staff discussed the idea of a large wrap-around mural that would be visible from multiple points.

Staff discussed materials and costs – Paint (\$25-\$30/sq ft) or mosaic (\$200/sq ft, minimum).

Staff discussed themes - Abstract, cheerful, energetic, colorful, non-representational.

Commission members agreed that paint would be the best material in terms of cost and maintenance. Cherry will draft a RFQ for the East City Park Stage for MAC review at a future meeting.

REPORTS

1. Volunteer Hour Tally for January 2026 (Cherry)

2. Staff Report (Cherry)

March Exhibitions at the Third Street Gallery

Cherry reported three new shows starting on March 26th.

1st Floor – Eye Say Potato

2nd Floor – In Stereo

3rd Floor – Plush

Mural at City Shop

Cherry reported there are 10 submissions to date.

MPD Sculpture

Cherry reported this is open until the end of March – no submissions yet.

Vinyl Wraps

Cherry reported there is 1 submission to date.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Minutes Approved On

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Clerk/Deputy Signature

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