

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
April 14th, 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, Kim Crimmins, Sandra Stoops, Donna Woolston, Stefan Yauchzee
MEMBERS ABSENT: Erica Wagner
OTHERS: Scott Sumner
STAFF: Megan Cherry, Britany Luft

Minutes Approved On

REGULAR AGENDA

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Clerk/Deputy Signature

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 February 10th, 2026 (ACTION ITEM)

Yauchzee moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Woolston. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: (7). 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. Nichoel Baird Spencer, Community Development Director/Deputy City Administrator (INTRODUCTION)

5. Storm Drain Mural RFP (ACTION ITEM)

Arts staff has prepared a call for Storm Drain Mural designs to be installed in vinyl on aluminum sign stands. Artworks were last added to this collection in 2023. Changes to this program in 2026 include the elimination of hand-painted artworks. In addition, selection is proposed to be completed by the MAC rather than a separate Selection Panel. MAC members are invited to:

- *Review the RFP draft and propose any changes.*

Upon recommendation by the MAC, Arts staff will publish the RFP.

PROPOSED ACTION: *Recommend RFP or take such other action deemed appropriate.*

Staff discussed the following changes that will need to be noted / made before advertisement:

Submission timeline updated to April 16th – 29th

Staff also noted that MAC members will be the voting members for the Storm Drain Mural, so no MAC members can apply.

Woolston moved to recommend the Storm Drain Mural RFP as presented with the updated submission dates noted above, seconded by Yauchzee. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: (7). Abstentions: (0). Nays: None. Motion carried.

6. Mayor's Arts Awards RFP (ACTION ITEM)

The biennial Mayor's Arts Awards event is set to take place on Thursday, November 5th, 2026. Proposed changes to this program include the elimination of the call for artworks to be given to award recipients. MAC members are invited to:

- *Review the RFP draft and propose any changes.*

Upon MAC action to recommend the RFP, Arts staff will publish the nomination form.

PROPOSED ACTION: *Recommend RFP or take such other action deemed appropriate.*

Staff discussed the possibility of eliminating the commission of an artist for the Mayor's Art Awards. There are some ideas for substitution that will stay within budget.

Yauchzee moved to recommend the Mayor's Arts Awards RFP as presented, seconded by Chamberlain. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: (7). Abstentions: (0). Nays: None. Motion carried.

7. City Shop Mural Finalists (ACTION ITEM)

The City Shop Mural selection panel met on Tuesday, March 24th to discuss the twenty-one (21) artist submissions for the City Shop Mural. All submissions are viewable here:

<https://moscowarts.submittable.com/gallery/4457ea8d-b522-499f-9651-895e2c1ed951>

The panel identified four top scoring artists: Joshua Martel, Sasha Primo, Taylor Shaw, and Matt Sunderman. The MAC is invited to:

- *Discuss the slate of finalists and propose any changes.*

Upon MAC action to recommend the finalists, Arts staff will complete design contracts with each artist.

PROPOSED ACTION: *Recommend the slate of finalists or take such other action deemed appropriate.*

Staff discussed the finalists of round #1 submissions: Martel, Shaw, Primo and Sunderman.

Yauchzee moved to approve the four (4) finalists noted above for the City Shop Mural project, seconded by Crimmins. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: (7). Abstentions: (0). Nays: None. Motion carried.

8. Moscow Police Department Finalists (ACTION ITEM)

The MPD Sculpture selection panel met on Tuesday, April 7th to discuss the six (6) artist submissions for the MPD Sculpture. All submissions are viewable here:

<https://moscowarts.submittable.com/gallery/5db0de19-5d5c-4d5c-a50d-e62a20cb1f98>

The panel identified two top scoring artists: James Dinh and Ken McCall. The MAC is invited to:

- *Discuss the slate of finalists and propose any changes.*

Upon MAC action to recommend the finalists, Arts staff will complete design contracts with each artist.

PROPOSED ACTION: *Recommend the slate of finalists or take such other action deemed appropriate.*

Staff discussed the finalists of round #1 submissions: Dinh and McCall.

Yauchzee moved to approve the two (2) finalists noted above for the Moscow Police Department project, seconded by Chamberlain. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: (7). Abstentions: (0). Nays: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

1. Volunteer Hour Tally for February and March 2026 (Cherry)

2. Subcommittee Reports:

- *Vinyl Wrap Selection Panel*

Met on March 10th – Selected artists: Josiah Nance, Rose Graham, Susan Fluegel, Clancy Bartlett

- *City Shop Mural Selection Panel*

Met on March 24th – Finalists include: Joshua Martel, Sasha Primo, Matt Sunderman, Taylor Shaw

- *MPD Sculpture Selection Panel*

Met on April 7th – Finalists include: Ken McCall, James Dinh

3. Staff Report (Cherry)

- *March Exhibitions*

Currently available for viewing in the gallery. Around 200 people showed up for the reception.

- *East City Park Stage*

60% design from the Architect is ready. Cherry brought up the idea of potentially working with the Poet Laureate to create a poem to guide the creative direction for the mural at the East City Park Stage. This would stay within budget and within the contract terms of the Laureate.

- *Temporary Collection*

Temporary Collection Public Art projects are in full swing. ITC Sculpture selection is scheduled for April 20th.

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM.

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