

# MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



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## Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Tuesday  
June 9, 2026**

**5:00 PM**

**Council Chambers  
206 E. Third Street**

**Foard called the meeting to order at 4:59 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sonja Foard, Chair; Hannah Baker, Cindy Barnhart, Michelle Chamberlain, Sandra Stoops, Stefan Yauchzee  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kim Crimmins, Erica Wagner, Donna Woolston  
**OTHERS:** Scott Sumner  
**STAFF:** Nichol Baird Spencer, Megan Cherry, Jennifer Fleischman, Ty Thompson

## 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.*

Barnhart read the mission statement.

### 2. Approval of Minutes from May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (ACTION ITEM)

Yauchzee moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Baker. Roll Call Vote; Ayes: Unanimous (6). Abstentions: None. 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 offered.

### 4. Storm Drain Mural Selection (ACTION ITEM)

*A call for storm drain mural designs was open from April 16 to May 29, 2026. A total of 8 submissions were received from the community and are available to view here:*  
<https://moscowarts.submittable.com/gallery/fe02a10-e382-46c5-9aff-d98f37c461c6>

*The MAC is invited to discuss and score each submission according to the criteria published in the RFP:*

1. *Formal & Conceptual Quality*
  - a. *The artist presents a compelling concept.*
  - b. *The proposed design is original to the presenting artist.*
2. *Content & Context*
  - a. *The artwork's subject matter and content is appropriate for public exhibition and*

*does not contain advertising, religious references, sexual content, negative imagery, or convey political partisanship.*

*b. The content of the proposed design is relevant to the City of Moscow's values, culture, and people.*

*c. The proposed design communicates the function of the City's storm sewer system.*

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

The Chair introduced Ty Thompson, Regulatory Programs and Projects Supervisor with Environmental Services, who talked to the Commission about the City's participation in community outreach. Cherry provided a brief review of the proposed designs for the Storm Drain Murals, as described above. The Commissioners discussed and scored the submissions and agreed on two designs.

Yauchzee moved to recommend that City Council select the designs submitted by Julene Ewert and Ashley Isenberger as discussed, seconded by Chamberlain. Roll Call Vote; Ayes: Unanimous (6). Abstentions: None. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### **5. Third Street Gallery 2027 Schedule (ACTION ITEM)**

*The MAC is invited to review proposed schedules for Third Street Gallery exhibitions in 2026 and 2027. Discussions about exhibitions for 2027 prompted a slight rearrangement of the 2026 schedule. The packet includes both the revised 2026 and proposed 2027 schedule. At the May 12 meeting, the MAC recommended a solo show of quilts from Kascha Quilts in Genessee. The representatives of that collection have opted out of the opportunity, so an alternative is proposed for the 2027 schedule based on previously discussed interest from the community.*

Staff provided an update on the Third Street Gallery schedule for 2027, as described above, and the Commissioners talked about the proposed modifications.

Yauchzee moved to accept the 2027 Third Street Gallery as presented, seconded by Chamberlain. Roll Call Vote; Ayes: Unanimous (6). Abstentions: None. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### **6. MPD Sculpture Recommendation (ACTION ITEM)**

*Following initial submissions of artist qualifications, the Selection Panel and MAC recommended a slate of finalists to create site-specific designs. Those designs are available to view here: <https://moscowarts.submittable.com/gallery/cf3db467-c437-4510-8be8-e9304e840d04>*

*The Selection Panel recommends Ken McCall with the potential to replace the wings with an asymmetrical flame shape that incorporates the clock shape. A public input period was open from May 26 – 29, 2026. A total of 89 people responded, with results in the packet. MAC members are invited to discuss:*

- *Artist recommendation.*
- *Possibilities for design updates.*

*Following a vote by the majority of MAC members to recommend an artist and design updates, staff will work with the artist to provide design edits and will present the recommendation to City Council.*

The Commission had a discussion about the recommended sculpture and artist, as described above, and reviewed the comments submitted by the Selection Panel, Moscow Police Department, and public.

Yauchzee moved to recommend that City Council approve the sculpture by Ken McCall with the proposed modifications as discussed, seconded by Baker. Roll Call Vote; Ayes: Unanimous (6). Abstentions: None. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### **7. City Shop Mural Recommendation (ACTION ITEM)**

*Following initial submissions of artist qualifications, the Selection Panel and MAC recommended a slate of finalists to create site-specific designs. Those designs are available to view here: <https://moscowarts.submittable.com/gallery/20796d7e-9f79-4a1f-b0f1-0aa1db5f44d7>*

*The Selection Panel recommends that the Moscow Arts Commission choose between Sasha Primo and Taylor Shaw, with these updates to the artists' design as presented:*

### Sasha Primo

Panel members suggested eliminating or de-emphasizing the plant shapes on either side of the composition, introducing more shop-related subject matter such as equipment and human figures. Selection Panel members noted that among the 43 members of the public who responded, this seemed to be the preferred option.

### Taylor Shaw

Panel members suggested removing the side-by-side, cement truck, and woodchipper, placing more figures and park-related subject matter in the composition instead. One panel member suggested a "calmer" color palette, while others preferred Colorway #1. It was noted that this design is preferred by City staff members who work at the shop.

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- Artist recommendation.
- Possibilities for design updates.

Following a vote by the majority of MAC members to recommend an artist and design updates, staff will work with the artist to provide design edits and will present the recommendation to City Council.

The Commission had a conversation about the recommended mural artists, as described above, and reviewed comments submitted by the Selection Panel and public.

Yauchzee moved to recommend that City Council approve the mural submitted by Taylor Shaw with the proposed modifications as discussed, seconded by Barnhart. Roll Call Vote; Ayes: Unanimous (6). Abstentions: None. Nays: None. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

### **1. Volunteer Hour Tally for May 2026**

The Commissioners completed the May volunteer hour tally.

### **2. Subcommittee Reports:**

- *MPD Sculpture Selection Panel – June 2, 2026 meeting*

The Selection Panel met in June and recommended the selection as included above.

- *City Shop Mural Selection Panel – June 3, 2026*

The Selection Panel met in June and recommended the selection as included above.

### **3. Staff Report (Cherry)**

- *Mayor's Arts Awards Nomination Period*

There have been two nominations submitted to date.

- *ECP Poem*

Recent PR campaign requesting community stories for the East City Park Mural poem.

- *Poetry in the Park on August 27th*
- *Palouse Plein Air on September 17th*
- Artwalk Season Finale, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, will be Saturday June 13th, 4-8pm
- New show in the Third Street Gallery with the artist reception on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 PM**

**Minutes Approved On**

*July 14, 2026*

*[Signature]*  
**Clerk/Deputy Signature**