

**SANDPOINT ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017
5:30 PM CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1123 LAKE STREET**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Kovalchuk, Megan Cherry, Carol Deaner, Matt Kerr, Ffion Soltis, Dyno Wahl, Elle Susnis

COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Staff liaison Melissa Bethel - Minutes

COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Tom Eddy, Tammy Farmin, Kris Dills, Ellinor Allen (student liaison)

Chairman Deaner called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Cherry moved and Commissioner Kerr second to approve the minutes of May 22, 2017. **Motion passes unanimously.**

New Business:

Hydrant Submissions:

Deaner stated in light of the lack of submissions, she is looking for recommendations on how to proceed. Deaner stated she has met with the Charter School and wondered if the school would like to take on this project in the fall, and would the Arts Commission be supportive of the idea.

Cherry stated having a class take on the project and share paint would make sense. The Commission agreed continuity or a theme would be good to have for the 7 hydrants. The Commission discussed approaching the school and having them come up with a plan for painting all 7 hydrants.

Motion:

Wahl moved and Ffion second that due to lack of submissions for the hydrant project the Arts Commission would like to approach the Forest Bird Charter School and approach them with the project for all seven hydrants. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Old Business:

Committee updates:

Budget/Long range planning: Deaner, Susnis, Farmin, Kovalchuk

No budget update. Deaner stated the long range plan was last updated in 2016/2017.

Deaner stated ITD left the two street lights and would like to have Aaron Qualls come talk with the Commission to see what the City would like for art.

Cherry suggested the Commission add a project wish list to the long range plan.

Fundraising/grants: Wahl, Soltis, Deaner, Susnis

Soltis advised the Commission they were awarded \$2,500 by the Idaho Community Foundation Grant for the Bonner County for a sculpture on Cedar Street. However, since the downtown street construction has been delayed, the Commission will approach the grant donors to see if the project can be postponed until next year.

Soltis advised the Commission an Idaho Humanities grant can be applied for in September.

Projects:

a. Stainless Steel Boxes; Farmin, Dills, Soltis, Allen

Soltis walked the Commission through the draft Call for Artists. She explained each artist selected will receive \$500.00 for the provision, installation and removal of art. In addition, there is funds for the construction of the boxes to have the builder subcontract for design of the side panels. She went over the timeline of the project.

The Commission discussed the side panels of the boxes are important and should be designed in such a way they do not visually distract from the displayed art. The Commission agreed to approach Elana Westphal with Loan Tree Creative to produce designs for the Commission to approve.

b. Schweitzer Roundabout; Dills, Cherry, Deaner, Susnis

Cherry stated the RFP is progressing. She stated the roundabout will be completed in the fall, but it will allow the RFP to include photos and possibly a video of the area. Cherry stated a time line for installation would be next spring with the call going out in the fall.

Utility Box art discussion:

Deaner stated the discussion resurfaced because of the unsightly utility box that went in for the Solar Roadways project. Wahl stated the discussion regarding wrapped utility boxes ended because the boxes are supposed to fade into the background and not call attention to them. She stated the Commission looked into wrapping them, but the Commission felt they would distract and not be a good example of the other public art projects in Sandpoint. Kovalchuk agreed the wrapped boxes are a distraction. Cherry stated the Commission has set a precedence to not using art funds to camouflage things. Soltis stated wrapped utility boxes work well in areas where there is no public art, but definitely not downtown. The Commission discussed possibly adding utility box art in the Northern District.

Matters from Commission or staff:

Cherry inquired about the Art Commission web page. The Commission will form a committee to discuss a web presence.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15p.m. Next meeting on July 17, 2017