

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:19PM

Members present: Robin Lloyd, Chris Parthemore, Jordan Sternberg, Martha Wikel, Marsha Carrington, Shawn Daley, Brian Stanley (Chairman).

Ex-Officio Members present: Blake Harris, Michelle Newell, and Greg Voltz

Absent: Adam Ramsdell, Cable Steinemann

Staff Present: McKenzie Spriggs (Commission Clerk)

All were in attendance via teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion of Robin Lloyd and a second of Chris Parthemore, the minutes of January 19, 2021 were approved. The group signified by saying aye. The Chairman declared the minutes passed.

CURRENT BUSINESS

2021 Artist Grant Program

Greg Voltz emphasized the length and depth of this grant is to ensure that projects get finished. This resembles other grant programs from the city, where we learned some things and got into some weird scenarios with applicants. He points out that exemptions exist, mostly relating to applicants delinquent on taxes, water and sewer bills, etc. or own rentals that are not registered. Eligible uses for this grant include everything from murals, to functional art, to light installations.

Robin Lloyd said Greg Voltz did a great job putting this application together.

Greg Voltz asked if it would be intimidating to artists.

Robin Lloyd said yes, it is intimidating. But this gives us the opportunity to walk through it with people and explain.

Marsha Carrington said many artists are probably familiar with grant applications.

Brian Stanley said it is a great application and he is glad it is year to year. It lends itself the opportunity to tweak and adapt based on feedback this year.

Upon motion of Chris Parthemore and second of Robin Lloyd, the commission voted to approve the 2021 Artist Grant Program. Roll call: Yeas: Robin Lloyd, Michelle Newell, Chris Parthemore, Jordan Sternberg, Martha Wikel, Marsha Carrington, Brian Stanley, Blake Harris, Greg Voltz.

The Chairman declared the motion passed. (Application attached after minutes.)

City Hall Art Exhibit – discussion

Greg Voltz gave an overview of the hardware questions and answers from city staff. He said a committee would likely need to be created to decide and choose the artists. Over the next month he will finalize an RFP for this project based on feedback.

Brian Stanley said it was a great first draft and opened the topic for discussion.

Marsha Carrington wondered if artists should be limited to only one piece. She thought accepting a series might be of interest, and she asked how size criteria was decided.

Greg Voltz said much of this RFP was pulled from examples found in other cities.

Robin Lloyd said the size restrictions are not great but she understands we have to start somewhere.

Brian Stanley asked if the wording could be changed to “preferred size” so there is flexibility. The committee agreed.

Greg Voltz agreed and then moved onto the updated timeline. After assessing recent COVID-19 trends, he asked if the committee would like to push out an RFP in May, choose artists in June, and display in July.

Robin Lloyd agreed with the revised timeline.

Marsha Carrington said the arts commission should create a graphic to draw artists in. She is willing to help out.

Greg Voltz said he will bring a revised RFP to the commission next month. He then asked in regards to location for showcasing the art, which hallway in the city hall lobby should be used. He showed images of the one seen when you walk in, and the longer hallway between the building department and code enforcement offices.

Robin Lloyd asked if it could be a judgement call after seeing how many pieces and proposals come in. Martha Wikel agreed.

Brian Stanley asked about the cost of hardware and asked what decisions needed to be decided on at this meeting.

Greg Voltz said the cost of hardware to hang arts is \$22/ft of track. The question is more of an

issue of employee staff time. The RFP will be voted on at the next meeting.

Michelle Newell wondered about children's artwork being allowed in the city hall exhibit.

Martha Wikel said contests are well received.

Brian Stanley said the schools should be sent the information.

Marsha Carrington questioned what is desired for this first exhibit.

Robin Lloyd said she thinks it should stay adult artists this time, and it should inspire students.

Brian Stanley wanted to summarize the meeting, at the March meeting the group will work to confirm a theme, finalize the RFP, and discuss a selection committee.

Robin Lloyd and Marsha Carrington brought up the previous discussion around the theme of change or metamorphosis. Martha Wikel agreed and said it is diverse.

Old Business

Greg Voltz reported that the 2021 work plan will go before the city commission at the February 22 meeting.

The commission echoed they were excited to see their projects and fruits of their labor coming to fruition.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:55PM, upon motion of Robin Lloyd and second of Martha Wikel, the commission voted to adjourn. The Chairman declared the motion passed.



Attest: McKenzie Spriggs, Clerk
Date: 3 / 16 / 21



Brian Stanley, Chairperson
Date: 3 / 16 / 21