



Ellensburg Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 14, 2021 4:00 pm

ZOOM

Commissioners Present:

Alex Eyre, Monica Miller, Laura Bobovski, Jerry Dougherty, Cassandra Town, Gwen Budnik

Commissioners/Others Absent: Brian Kooser, Josephine Camarillo

Others Present: Tristen Lamb (Council Liaison), Nicole Klauss (PIO)

Call to Order: Eyre called the meeting to order at 4:04pm

Guests: None

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Towne to accept agenda; seconded by Bobovski. Motion passed.

Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Items – None

Guest Speaker/Presenter/Correspondence – None

Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2021: September minutes not included due to error. Josephine will resend for approval at next meeting.

Budget/Financial Report- 2021/22 Spending Plan and Council

Nicole will send out spending plan to Commission.

Outstanding grant reimbursements:

- Confab- Gallery One (2500)
- Steadfast- Blue Bear Puppet (2500)
- Visual Poetry- Joanna Thomas (2500)
- Interactive Board Game- CWU (2500)
- Big Band Virtual- Big Band (2500)
- Virtual Benefit Concert- Lee Bates (700)
- Nutcracker Ballet – EDE (2500)

Jerry and Cassandra will reach out to grantees to check on their progress.

Artwork finalized at Hartung for bus shelter. Alex ask for specific breakdown of cost. Miller asks for itemized list. Alex and Cassandra still wanting to see breakdown of cost to produce glass artwork

New Business

Gallery One Request change of use request of their 2021 Confab grant funds to installing ADA accessible doors to the Gallery. This will help with equity and accessibility. Miller recused herself from discussion. Historically, EAC have denied funding towards building capital improvements. Commission reviewed Grants fund 4 areas:

1. The development of new artwork
2. Arts-related events
3. Interpretation of existing artwork
4. Presentation of new artworks or collection of artworks

VOTE: Gallery One change of use of 2021 grant away funding denied.

Old Business

Arts Commission Retreat- Would like to have it in person. Focus to be vision for the next two years.

Areas to focus on include:

1. Onboarding materials/orientation for new commissioners
2. Committee goals 2022 and next couple of years, action calendar

1 hour added on to next meeting (grants in Nov 10 3-5:30pm and goals in Dec 8, 3-5:30pm, Jerry will send location)

Subcommittee Business

1. Funding – Grant cycle still open, Jerry sent out email to outstanding grantees inquiring intent. No monies will be rolled over, Arts Treasure PR ready to release, still need quote for article from Monica.
2. Public Art – Nina Vichayapai art work: Miller/Jerry went to high school with Nina to look at art location, met with principal, commission will hang art, Nina will stitch 4 panels into 1 portrait size piece. Smaller pieces will be pieced together, plaque will be needed. Mounting may occur week of 11-22-21.
3. Advocacy/Public Relations – Cultural Assessment (13,000 EAC approved, total 35,000) Alex, Cassandra; Monica met with other stakeholders and have found additional funding. EDA will commit \$5000, will work MOU with payment process and will be fiscal sponsor and project lead for the plan. Funders include:
 - \$5000- EDA (fiscal sponsor/project lead) MOU to be created
 - \$10,000- Jazz in the Valley
 - \$5000- Chamber
 - \$6000-\$10,000 range- CWU Chief of Staff
 - Amount pending- CenterfuseKelly Vandenberg, EDA Chair and primary contact will work with Una to develop scope of work and MOU. Next step, who should be in the next piece of the conversation.
4. Art Walk – 420 building location dropped, enthusiasm from venues is low; 2022 invoices will be coming out soon. Need to have bigger discussion about Artwalk.

Unscheduled Business

Announcements

Tristen Lamb tentatively resigning from Council at the end of the year.

Gallery One YouTube channel

Next Meeting will be held: November 10, 2021

Submitted by Josephine Camarillo, Staff Liaison

Minutes approved:

Commissioners: Alex Eyre (Chair), Monica Miller (Vice Chair), Laura Bobovski, Cassandra Town, Jerry Dougherty, Brian Kooser, Gwen Budnik