



CITY OF ELLENSBURG	MINUTES OF ARTS COMMISSION, Regular Meeting
Date of Meeting:	February 9, 2023
Time of Meeting:	3:00pm
Place of Meeting:	CCCR and ZOOM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Eyre called the meeting to order at 3:02pm

2. ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Alex Eyre, Jerry Dougherty, Brian Kooser, Jeffrey Snedeker, Jill Scheffer

COUNCIL LIASON: David Miller

ABSENT: Courtney Blackstock,

VISITOR(S): Marie Marchand

STAFF: Josephine Camarillo

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board member Scheffer made the motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded.
Motion passed 5-0, **motion approved**.

4. CORRESPONDENCE AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Email from Karl Schwiesow regarding Artwalk

5. GUEST SPEAKER/PRESENTER

Marie Marchand- read first draft of city poem. Please send further comments to Marie.
Public presentation set for April 25, 2023 noon-1pm at city hall.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner member Snedeker made the motion to approve January minutes, which was seconded. Motion passed 5-0, **motion approved**.

7. BUDGET/FINANCIAL REPORT

No report

8. NEW BUSINESS

Kooser appointment to Mural Selection Committee.

Dougherty appointment to Unity Park Action team.

EAC will look into a possible code update to involve EAC in all art/mural and acquisition/relocation.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commission vacancy: Linda Warren, previous applicant, still interested on serving on Commission.

Commission member Dougherty made the motion to appoint Linda Warren to fill vacant time remaining on Town's position till 2026, which was seconded. Motion passed 5-0, **motion approved.**

Arts and Economic Development Manager position will be posted within the next week.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Ellensburg Cultural Arts Program: Officially renamed "Arts Alliance", infrastructure a work in progress.

B. Funding: no report.

C. Public Art: Three remaining pieces to place in public. Dougherty provided public comment relating to Unity Park at the last meeting, architects spoke rehoming existing artwork and may reuse them in site or relocate.

D. Advocacy/Public Relations: no report.

E. Art Walk: Artist list updated; Blackstock in process of creating welcome packet.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

One Book One County. Big Read. KEEN partner/events

- April 29th

- May 13th Helen McCabe park

- May 6th

VMT production Play Gone Wrong was well received. EAC were publicly thanked within the script.

12. NEXT MEETING

March 9, 2023 at 4pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 4:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Josephine Camarillo, Staff Liaison
Drafted: 2-9-23
Approved: 3-9-23

Retreat Notes

Committees:

- Advocacy/Public Relation (Brian/Jeff) – will meet to create time-based publication, newsletter.
- Funding (Jerry/Jill/Linda?) – need to revamp grant application; Jill will look into it. Discussion on allocation for organizations vs. individual artists, how many applications can 1 entity submit, what do other cities do
- Public Art (City Art Collection)- Jerry/Alex will ask Terry how to deaccession art pieces)
- Arts Alliance- Alex/Jeff will be involved
- Art Walk- Courtney/Jill, need new sign boards, bid from sign shop, what publicity is used

Need name badges for commissioners; Staff will get quote.

NPR ads: Along with Artwalk, could grant openings also be announced. Staff will research. Need Artwalk map/app – city wide arts calendar, businesses

Advocacy- City admission tax. EDE received money from city but needed to pay city admission tax, basically money received went back to the city. Look at code, requires producer to look at ticket sales. Code needs to be revisited.

Public Art/City Collection-

Some artworks not on display not worth its value...public sale, how to deaccession
List of unwanted items to Terry – community art giveaway

Arts Treasure Award- May/June

- Alex would like to do a call to design the award starting 2024
- suggestion, put call during event this year budget in 2024
- possibly open up nominations back to public

Alex would like to have a one stop shop for EAC collaboration/communication. What tool can be used.

Possible Subcommittee develop strategies to accomplish respective goals

Onboarding (Alex)