



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Arts Commission, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

August 10, 2023

Time of Meeting

4:00 PM

Place of Meeting

**Council Conference Room
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

Chair Alex Eyre called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Present: Alex Eyre, Jerry Dougherty, Jeffrey Snedeker, Brian Kooser

Absent: Jill Scheffer, Courtney Blackstock, Erin Oostra

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approval of Agenda

By: Alex Eyre

Seconded: Jerald Dougherty

Yes: Jeffrey Snedeker, Brian Kooser, Jerald Dougherty, Alex Eyre

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved. Motion Passed 4-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A Minutes from June 2023

Commissioner Snedeker noted a correction to the June 2023 minutes.
Art Treasurer to be corrected to Art Treasure.

Motion: Motion to approve the June 2023 Minutes with the above noted correction.

By: Commissioner Eyre

Seconded: Commissioner Dougherty

Yes: Dougherty, Eyre, Snedeker, Kooser

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved. Motion passed 4-0

4. Budget/Financial Report

4.A Review Budget Update

Reviewed current budget.

Discussed needed updates to the format of the budget.

Arts Commission staff member will present updated format for Commissioner Dougherty and Eyre review prior to September Arts Commission meeting.

5. New Business

5.A Welcome Keely Murphy Pickerel

Update on Whipple Park/Community Garden Art Installations

Updates to Whipple Park were presented by guest, Keely Murphy Pickerel.

Reviewed Wind Phone and Poetry Pole projects with the Commission.

Commission discussed expectations regarding graffiti and/or physical damage and maintenance of the installation pieces in the park.

Eyre will reach out to Parks and Rec to review process and maintenance of new art installation pieces for Whipple Park.

Pickerel brought up a future mural site on the warehouse building wall near Whipple Park. Potential future call for artist. Dougherty will find out who the owner of the building is.

5.B Welcome Poet Laureate, Marie Marchland

1. Poet Laureate Report
2. Discussion of change of contractual terms for Poet Laureate

Poet Laureate, Marie Marchland presented annual report.

Marchland recommendations to Commission:

- two-year term for future Poet Laureates
- term ends April 30th not June 30th, with new contract beginning May 1, 2024.

Commission discussed the need to review the entire application/contractual form in November. Eyre and Staff Member Vandenberg will set up special meeting with City Attorney to review:

- contract timeline
- stipend and expenditures
- selling of Chapbook.

5.C Arts Commission Project Volunteer Discussion

Weiss Beauchamp will be volunteering their time to the Art Commission.

Projects will focus on increasing awareness for the Art Commission with video storytelling and photography.

6. Unfinished Business

6.A

1. 2023 Project Grant Funding Awardee Update
2. Quilts of Valor: Scope of Work Request on Funding

3. 2024 Project Grant Funding Submission Update

2023 Project Grant Funding Awardee Update

Presented updated status of awardee returned contract packets.

Commissioner Dougherty will reach out to all past awardees and invite them to a 1:1 meeting for status on projects.

Quilts of Valor

Discussed scope of work change request submitted by Quilts of Valor.

Motion: To fund the original grant request and scope of work by Quilts of Valor for the production of materials to make quilts, and reject the change to the scope of work request, to fund the making of the racks to support the quilts.

By:Kooser

Seconded:Dougherty

Yes:Eyre, Snedeker, Kooser, Dougherty

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Approved. Motion Passed 4-0

7. Subcommittee Business

7.A

1. Ellensburg Cultural Arts Program: Alex, Jeff
2. Funding: Jerry, Jill
3. Public Art: Alex, Jerry
4. Advocacy/Public Relations: Brian, Jeff
5. Art Walk: Courtney, Jill

Ellensburg Cultural Arts Program: Ellensburg Arts and Cultural Alliance elected board of directors, drafted and approved bylaws. Commissioner Snedeker reached out to board to lend support, has not heard back.

Funding: Nothing to report.

Public Art: The City Manager's office has a public art piece.

Hosey Art Collection in Walla Walla: Additional pieces have come back to the collection. There are hurdles in bringing them to Ellensburg. Commissioner Eyre would like input from the Commission.

Next Steps:

1. Determine what parks/city property is available for sculpture art.
2. Commission needs to determine which pieces from the collection for items in #1.
3. Commission needs to obtain bids for those specific pieces.

Action Items:

1. Dougherty will reach out to CWU campus police to gauge safety issue regarding large sculptures.
2. Eyre will schedule meeting with Brad Case to review top six spots available

within parks/city property.

8. Announcements

9. Citizen Comment

There was no citizen comment.

10. Staff Update/Discussion Items

There was no staff update to report.

11. Commission Representative Update

There was no Commission Representative to report.

12. Action Items:

13. Next Meeting

14. Adjournment

With no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelle Vandenberg, Staff Liason

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