



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Arts Commission, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

March 14, 2024

Time of Meeting

4:00 PM

Place of Meeting

Council Conference Room, City Hall

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

Chair Eyre, Commissioner Blackstock, Commissioner Oostra, Commissioner Scheffer, Commissioner Dougherty, Commissioner Snedeker Commissioner Kooser, and Council Liaison David Miller. Welcome any guests. (no guest at this meeting)

2. Approval of Agenda

- 2.A Motion to approve March 14, 2024 Arts Commission meeting agenda with change to add Art Treasurer as a talking point under Subcommittee: Public Relations and Advocacy
By: Commissioner Snedeker
Seconded: Commissioner Eyre
In Favor: All
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Motion Carries

3. Approval of Minutes

3. A Motion to approve February 8, 2024 Arts Commission meeting minutes.
By: Commissioner Snedeker
Seconded: Commissioner Scheffer
In Favor: All
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Motion Carries

4. Budget/Financial Report

- 4.A Review March 2024 Arts Commission Spending Plan/Budget
Staff updated commission on budget expenditures for February 2024.

5. New Business

- 5.A New Bus Shelter (5th and corner of Water in front of the County Courthouse)

Call for Artist Discussion: Commissioners and staff reviewed the content of the past Call for Artists on the Bus Shelter projects. Commissioners relayed edits to staff. Staff will update and send out via email for Commissioner review and approval.

Action Items:

- Staff will update Call to Artists. Call will include:
Call for Artist | bus shelter schematic | two past examples of completed art/shelter.
- Alex will reach out to Betsy regarding printing specific the campus bus shelter and vendor.
- Staff will send complete call to artist out to commissions via email for review/edits/approval.

5.B Poet Laureate Funding Request: Commission reviewed request as presented in agenda packet:

Motion to approve request from Marie Marchand, Ellensburg Poet Laureate to dedicate \$260.00 of her remaining \$325.00 stipend as an honorarium to support musicians playing at the Poetry Showcase on April 20, 2024 .

By: Commission Eyre

Seconded: Commissioner Snedeker

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carries

5.C Review of Mural Art Submitted by Nuwave Gallery, 2024 Arts Commission Project Grant Awardee

Commissioner Oostra presented the Downtown Mural Project and mural rendering for commissioner review.

Commissioner Snedeker asked if there is any conflict of interest with regards to Commissioner Oostra presenting this design, as an Arts Commissioner. Commissioner Oostra had previously recused herself from voting for the Ellensburg Arts Commission Project grant concerning the Downtown Mural Project and recused herself from voting to approve/reject the mural design.

Commissioner Eyre noted that per City Attorney, there is nothing within the Arts Commission Project Grant contract that would prohibit Art Commissioners from applying for the grant.

Motion to approve the Downtown Mural Design presented by Erin Oostra of Nuwave Gallery.

By: Commissioner Scheffer

Seconded: Commissioner Snedeker

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstained: Commissioner Oostra

Motion Carries

6. Unfinished Business

6.A Creation of Poet Laureate Subcommittee discussion:

Staff requested that a Poet Laureate Subcommittee be created to support the projects and event of the future Poet Laureate. Commissioner Snedeker stated that the commission discussed previously and rejected the idea of a subcommittee.

Staff noted that she will not be able to offer same level of support for Poet Laureate program as currently giving due to the support needed to build the Ellensburg Creative District.

7. Subcommittee Business

7.A

1. Ellensburg Arts & Cultural Alliance: Alex/Jeff
Commissioner Eyre and staff gave update.
2. Funding: Jerry/Jill: Commissioner Scheffer discussed the NEA grant for Artistic Disciplines. Deadlines: First opportunity: Feb. 7, 2024. Second opportunity, July 11, 2024. Commissioner Scheffer and Commissioner Dougherty will review/vet the grant. Possible project: Double funding available for the Project Grant Program.
3. Public Art: Alex/Jerry
Art Treasure Discussion: Timeline discussion. Need to get the call for Art Treasure out. Staff set up meeting with Commissioner Snedeker and Commissioner Eyre to review all existing documentation and outline timeline and plan.
4. Advocacy/Public Relations: Brian/Jeff
5. Art Walk: Courtney/Jill/Erin:
Art Walk Venue Meeting Discussed the Art Walk venue meeting. Recapped some of the venue feedback. General view was that it was good meeting—very positive. October Art Fair in Unity Park the first Saturday vs. the first Friday. Commissioner Scheffer noted that Ciderfest is the first Saturday in October started at 6:30)

7.B Art Walk Shuttle—Erin Oostra presented commission with Little Hopper Shuttle proposal. Perhaps an option for the October Art Walk 25th Anniversary Celebration

8. Citizen Comment

9. Staff Report-No Staff Report given

10. Council Representative Update-No council representative update given

11. Adjournment

Time: 6: 00 pm

Submitted by:

Kelle Vandenberg, Arts & Economic Development Manager
Staff Liaison for the Arts Commission

7. Staff Update/Discussion Items

7.A 2023 Grant Reimburesment Updates

7.B 2024 Grant Award Updates

8. Commission Representative Update

9. Adjournment