

Vision: To forge bold partnerships that energize the artistic and historical life of the city, making art and history in all their variations integral parts of our everyday experience and vivid expressions of our diversity, our depth, and our dreams.

Boise City Arts & History Commission

Wednesday, January 14, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Foothills Room, City Hall



Arts & History

AGENDA

- 5:30 Call to Order** -- Jane Lloyd, chair
Approve Minutes of December 3, 2008 meeting
Accept written reports from staff (in packet)
Comments, announcements
- 5:35 2009 Executive Committee nominees**
- Report from Nominating Committee
 - Approve slate of nominees
- 5:45 Workshop: Roles and Responsibilities of the A&H Commission** – Anne Wescott, facilitator
The evolution of the department and its mission is an opportunity for the recently renamed Arts & History Commission to redefine its role and responsibilities in the new Department.
Questions to consider:
- Given the mission and strategic plan of the new department, what is the role of the Commission?
 - How can Commissioners work most productively to embody this redefined role and contribute to the achievement of the Department's goals and objectives?
 - What support will the Commission need to be successful in this redefined role?
 - What agenda items will the Commission focus on over the next year?
- 7:30 Adjourn**

Upcoming Meetings:

- Executive Committee meeting: To be scheduled
- Commission meeting: Wednesday, February 4, 2009, 5:30 – 7:00 (location to be determined)
- Events & Performing Arts Committee: To be scheduled
- Visual Arts Advisory Committee: 2009, 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
- History Committee: January 31, 2009, planning session, 9:00 - noon

*Please call Terri's cell, 724-
6506*



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Present:

Elaine Clegg
Carl Daugenti
Suzanne Gore
David Hale
Marianne Flagg-Secretary
Jane Lloyd-Chair
Sandy Harthorn-Past Chair
Margaret Hepworth-Vice Chair
Nancy Lemas
John Sahlberg
Stephenson Youngerman

Excused:

Jorden Oberlindacher

Staff:

Terri Schorzman, Director
Karen Bubb, Public Arts Manager
Janelle Wilson, Administrative
Specialist
Margaret Marti, Temporary Performing
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Guests:

Mark Baltes, History Committee Chair
Anne Westcott

Absent:

Richard Young

The meeting called to order by Jane Lloyd at 5:38 p.m.

Youngerman gave an introduction and short history of the Boise Center on the Grove.
What a great cultural resource for Boise!

MEETING MINUTES

MOTION:

Youngerman moved to approve the November meeting minutes, Flagg seconded. **Motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT-JANE LLOYD

On behalf of the entire commission Lloyd offered her heartfelt thanks to the staff in recognition and appreciation of their extraordinary accomplishments this year in the face of challenges and change.

- Karen Bubb, remarkably, carried the work and responsibilities of two full time, demanding positions (Public Art Manager and Interim Executive Director) in a very successful and professional way.
- Tamara Cameron, Josh Olson, and Janelle Wilson stepped up to help above and beyond their own job descriptions and requirements.

Here are a few of the year's highlights:

- Creation of the new city Department of Arts and History (with accompanying ordinance).
- Creation of the History Committee.
- Welcome, Executive Director, Terri Schorzman!

- **Public Art Projects** (completed or underway).
 - o Reham Jacobs, Warm Springs Park.
 - o Stephanie Bacon, Collister Library.
 - o Bill Lewis, Hillcrest Library.
 - o Amy Westover, redesign Boise Airport
 - o Benjamin Victor, Boise Airport
 - o Ward Hooper, geothermal medallion
 - o Michael Baltzell, Zoo Boise
 - o Mark Baltes, Foothills Learning Center.
 - o Marcus Pierce, Sycamore Park
 - o Liz Wolf, Phillippi Park
 - o Jason Seivers, Art in Transit series
 - o Digital collection, Boise City Hall
 - o Jennifer Ward and Amy Westover, “The Deal”
 - o Josh Olson and BSU students, 8th and Main mural
 - o Patrick Zents, Watershed project
 - o Amy Westover, Watershed project

- **History Projects**
 - o Fettuccini Forum
 - o Story Corps
 - o Capitol Blvd Light Pole banners.
 - o Audio/video podcasts history and art tours.

- **Performing Arts**
 - o Arts for Kids
 - o City Harvest
 - o Worldfest
 - o Experience Boise.org
 - o Green Expo

- **Other**
 - o Hosted series of Open Houses to share the work of The Department with the public.
 - o Bone Fish Grill fundraiser. The 1st private fundraiser for CityArtsFund. (Staff did the work.)
 - o Youth Advisory website development.
 - o First time decommissioned Public Art Work – negotiated successful outcome.
 - o Awarded \$49, 500 for art from City Arts Fund.
 - o ENDED THE YEAR IN THE BLACK

-Thanks to commission members for support of the department

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- All commission members have requested reappointment but the decision has not been finalized by the Mayor.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORT- TERRI SCHORZMAN

30th anniversary event- planning for February

The Cultural Programming Manager job description has been prepared. Please provide comments as soon as possible so it can be posted. We are aiming to hire by the first of February.

VISUAL ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT- JOHN SAHLBERG/KAREN BUBB

The proposal for Ustick Library branch was presented. The artist, Judy Gorsuch Collins, has proposed \$55,000 in glass artwork throughout the library including two walls, a mobile for children's story time, and on the fireplace.

The library has agreed to cover the additional cost anticipated to complete all pieces of the project. The library is pleased with the contemporary look of the artwork, the integration of the work into the architecture, and the recognition of the history of the area.

MOTION:

Flagg moved to approve the proposal for the Ustick Library Branch, Harthorn seconded.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS PLANNING- ANNE WESTCOTT

Westcott will lead a discussion January 14 to define the role and responsibilities of the commission as the department grows and develops.

EVENTS AND PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE- CARL DAUGENTI

- Last month's meeting was cancelled.
- Marti & Schorzman are meeting with AFK managers to evaluate 2008 and plan for 2009.
- Marti & Wilson will hold a PAM 2008 debriefing.
- We are still exploring and developing experienceboise.org
- Marti & Wilson met with performing arts organizations to discuss a planning calendar.

HISTORY COMMITTEE – MARK BALTES

- The last Fettuccine Forum featuring Stephanie Witt had great attendance and lively discussion.
- The committee is working on Depot Day event planning with the Parks & Recreation Department.

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-Baltes brought forward the application for a new committee member, Jennifer Armstrong.

MOTION:

Sahlberg moved to approve the addition of history committee member Jennifer Armstrong, Gore seconded. **Motion carried.**

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT- JANELLE WILSON

The committee is excited to explore the idea of a youth club night featuring arts and history themes.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Ballet Idaho- Nutcracker for the Curious- Free, 5:30pm, Esther Simplot Performing Arts
- Boise Art Museum- Dan Sidel will speak on Jun Kaneko's exhibition
- Great coverage of the WWII aviator sculpture project by the media. Special thanks to Hale and Modern hotel for hosting artist Ben Victor.
- Reham Jacobsen mosaics at R Grey Gallery
- Boise Contemporary Theater – No...You Shut Up- extended through December 20
- Boise Community Radio- Practice New Years Party and fundraiser
- Congrats to Amy Westover who gave birth to a baby girl!

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

JANUARY 2009

TO: Arts & History Commission
Mayor Bieter, Council member Elaine Clegg, Jade Riley

FROM: Terri Schorzman, Department Director

RE: Monthly Report -January 2009



General

Board Packet Distribution:

The executive committee approved staff's proposal to distribute board packets electronically. February's packet is the first to go electronically (we will have several hard copies available at the meeting); we will eventually have the packet set up as one PDF with links to individual documents. Links to news stories will be included.

Cultural Programs Manager:

I offered the position of Cultural Programs Manager to Amy Fackler. Amy has over 15 years of exceptional experience in developing and managing cultural programs and events, including four years of volunteer experience with the former BCAC in producing City Arts Celebration and the Mayors Awards. She holds a Masters degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Oregon State University.

Budget/Funding:

- Submitted NEH planning grant for up to \$75,000 with the intent to prepare a plan for the Boise Sesquicentennial;
- Began discussion with executive committee about reviewing the "arts and history fund" program of the department for restructure.
- Due to funding constraints, we need to find a minimum of \$8800 to remove from our FY09 budget - with a possibility of up to \$20,000. Our offer includes \$7500 from the Boise Visual Chronicle (with \$2500 reserved for maintenance), with an additional \$10,000 from unallocated percent for art funding from the Parks program.

Internal/Admin/Communications:

- IT: Staff met with IT regarding our website issues. We have support for a re-design with better access and more information such photo galleries. Also, we are working with IT to identify a workable contact management database (multi-relational repository) for the department.
- Web Calendar: the long-range planning calendar is up and running for local groups. They seem very pleased with it.
- Experienceboise: We met with Synoptek, the vendor who created www.experienceboise.org to identify enhancements/clean-up to the site, such as providing links to organizational sites and remove redundant text. They will prepare a bid for the work to be done.

- We sent our first e-newsletter to about 150 people/organizations at the end of the month.
- My op-ed piece for the newspaper is on hold until I give it more of a “call to action” or something worthy of community debate.

Projects:

- We are proceeding with the **National Arts Program**, a private non-profit that facilitates art shows of public employee art. The exhibit will run September 1 – 14, 2009 at the Idaho Historical Museum.
- We continue to hear from people with collaborative project ideas. This includes Opera Idaho; a young film scholar who wants to develop a unique film festival; the Boise Creative Music Festival (in April); and more.
- The Depot Day project team is moving forward. The event will be held on Sunday, April 19, in partnership with Boise Parks & Rec. Valley Regional Transit and ACHD Commuteride will sponsor the event with cash contributions.

Collaboration and Outreach

- Attended “Go Listen Boise” soft opening (group that advocates local music)
- Attended the Trey McIntyre Project office opening

Committees **Events and Performing Arts Committee:** The committee did not meet in January.
History Committee: The committee met on January 31 for a three-hour planning workshop.
Visual Arts Committee: The committee met January 22.
Youth Committee: The committee met January 8.

Events **February 5, Fettucine Forum with Jacky Grimshaw, “LONG ROAD HOME: TRANSPORTATION MEETS AFFORDABLE HOUSING.”** Jacky is the VP for Policy, Transportation & Community Development at Chicago’s Center for Neighborhood Technology and is a leading expert on transportation and housing issues. Jacky is an accomplished and much sought after speaker and this forum promises to be interesting and informative! *The doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the presentation begins at 5:30. Free appetizers will be served and fettuccine will be available for \$5.00. Catered by Life’s Kitchen.*

February 19, 30th Anniversary party at the Linen Building, 5:00 – 7:00 pm. RSVP

In the news “Director of new department to merge Boise’s art and history,” *Idaho Statesman*, January 19, 2009 – LINK: http://nl.newsbank.com/nl-search/we/Archives?p_action=doc&p_docid=125D212723F70030&p_docnum=1&p_theme=gannett&s_site=idahostatesman&p_product=IDSB

AiR Supply, *Residence program takes off in*, Boise Weekly, January 28, 2009
BoDo<http://www.boiseweekly.com/gyrobase/Content?oid=oid%3A320668>

Chapter 2-17

BOISE CITY ARTS AND HISTORY COMMISSION

Sections:

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Section 2-17-01 DECLARATION OF FINDINGS AND POLICY

The Boise City Council hereby finds that it is in the public interest to create an advisory body hereafter named and appointed to assist the Mayor and City Council in carrying out the responsibilities of their offices to increase the appreciation of the arts, culture, and history among Boise's citizens and to create and maintain an atmosphere conducive to the fullest expression of all forms of art and history in order to provide artistic satisfaction to the performer and to enrich the lives of all Boise citizens.

(Amended, Ord. 6645, 03/11/2008)

Section 2-17-02 COMMISSION, MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF OFFICE, VACANCIES

There is hereby created the Boise Arts and History Commission consisting of up to twelve (12) members to be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. One (1) youth member may be, at the time of appointment, under the age of twenty one (21) years. The youth member shall be appointed to a term of up to one (1) year. The term of office for each of the remaining eleven (11) members shall be three (3) years, and each may be reappointed to up to a maximum of two (2) successive terms.

(Amended, Ord. 6645, 03/11/2008, Ord. 4941, 7/8/86)

- A. Vacancies on the Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to approval by the City Council. The Commission shall publicly announce any vacancies, review candidates and recommend appointments to the Mayor, who shall thereafter have the right to appoint any candidate, whether or not recommended by the Commission.
- B. Of the twelve (12) commissioner positions, seats shall be designated for one (1) working artist, one (1) person affiliated with a non-profit arts or history organization, one (1) youth member, and one (1) history representative. The remaining eight (8) positions shall be at-large.

(Amended, Ord. 6645/03/11/2008, Amended, Ord. 5942 09/28/1999, Ord. No. 5493, Amended, 09/28/93)

Section 2-17-03 ORGANIZATION, COMPENSATION

Within a reasonable time following appointment the Commission shall organize and select a Chairman and Vice Chairman. The members of the Commission shall serve and act without compensation, except that their actual and necessary expenses shall be allowed by the Council. Any seven (7) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(Amended, Ord. 6645, 03/11/2008, Amended, Ord. No. 5493, 09/28/93)

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Section 2-17-04 DEFINITIONS

- A. The boundaries of the arts are constantly changing, but for purposes of this Chapter shall include, without limitation, all phases of the visual, performing and literary arts.
- B. For the purposes of this Chapter, “history” shall include projects, programs or activities that relate to the identity, customs, skills, history or heritage of a group of people that are transferred, communicated or passed along to succeeding generations.

(Amended, Ord. 6645, 03/11/2008)

Section 2-17-05 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Commission shall advise and assist the Mayor and City Council to develop, coordinate and promote the visual, performing and literary arts and heritage programs and policies for the enjoyment, education, cultural enrichment and benefit of the citizens of Boise. In furtherance of these duties, the Commission shall have the following objectives:

- A. To stimulate greater governmental and public awareness and appreciation of the importance of the arts and history.
- B. To encourage the preservation and growth of the City's artistic, cultural, and historical resources, and foster the development of a receptive climate for the arts, culture and history.
- C. To provide general assistance to Boise's artistic, historical, and cultural organizations with information and encouragement.
- D. To encourage opportunities for Boise residents to participate in artistic, historical, and cultural activities.
- E. To promote the development of Boise artists, institutions and community organizations sponsoring arts and historical activities.
- F. To assess the arts and cultural heritage needs of the people of Boise and make such information available to the City Council and all interested agencies and persons.
- G. To encourage and coordinate the artistic, historical, and cultural activities of other governmental agencies.
- H. To seek and encourage financial support, including grants, loans and guarantees to Boise artists, arts institutions, historians and community organizations sponsoring arts and history activities, subject to City Council approval.
- I. To represent the public interest by developing and recommending policies that pertain to arts and history to the Director of the Department of Arts and History and the Boise City Council.
- J. To represent the public interest by evaluating and making recommendations regarding the future growth of the Department of Arts and History.
- K. To have superintendence and charge of all city-owned public art assets.
- L. To advise the City regarding the costs, benefits and other issues of acquiring cultural assets and

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implementing cultural programming.

- M. To propose and adopt administrative rules and regulations as needed with regard to public art, heritage programs, other cultural assets, or cultural programming.
- N. To appoint members of the community to subcommittees to provide support to the Commission.

All rules and regulations proposed and adopted by the Commission shall have the force and effect of ordinance. All rules and regulations of the Commission now in effect shall remain in full force and effect until amended, altered or repealed.

(Amended, Ord. 6645, 03/11/2008)

Section 2-17-06 MEETINGS, POLICIES

The Commission shall hold regular public meetings, keep a written record of its proceedings and file an annual report with the City Council summarizing its activities and setting forth recommendations. The Commission shall establish policies for its internal operation.

(Amended, Ord. 6645, 03/11/2008, Ord. 4272,08/14/1978)

Section 2-17-07 RELATIONSHIP TO DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND HISTORY

The Department of Arts and History staff, employed by the City, shall provide administrative support to the Commission in its advisory function to the Mayor, City Council and to the City of Boise.

(Amended, Ord. 6645, 03/11/2008)