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**Arts & History**

## **Department of Arts & History Commission Meeting**

Wednesday, April 1, 2009, 5:30 – 7:00 pm  
Foothills Room, Boise City Hall

### **AGENDA**

- 5:30 Call to Order** – Margaret Hepworth, chair  
Approve Minutes of March 4, 2009 meeting at St. Alphonsus Hospital
- Request for liaison to Public Works Commission
  - CCDC cultural planning initiatives – commission support
  - Status of City Arts & History Fund review process
- Staff report – Terri Schorzman
- 6:00 Hot Topic** – Review summary of January workshop and identify next steps
- 6:20 Reports**
- Visual Arts Advisory Committee: Chair, John Sahlberg
  - History Committee: Liaison, Suzanne Gore
  - Events and Performing Arts Committee: Chair, Stephenson Youngerman
  - Youth Committee, Janelle Wilson and Jordan Oberlindacher
- 6:50 New Business, Comments, Announcements, Upcoming Events**  
Fettucine Forum – April 2 – Fool Squad! – Rose Room, 5:30 pm  
Depot Day – April 19, noon – 6:00 pm
- 7:00 Adjourn**

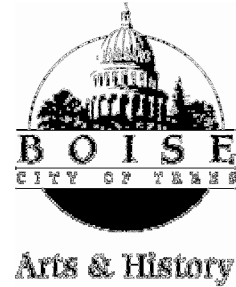
#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Executive Committee meeting: Tuesday, April 21, noon – 1:00 pm
- Commission meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 5:30 – 7:00 pm – Trey McIntyre Project offices
- Events & Performing Arts Committee: Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 5:30, A&H
- Visual Arts Advisory Committee:
- History Committee: Wednesday, April 22, 2009

*Terri's cell, 724-6506  
Janelle's cell, 724-6527*

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**Boise City Department of Arts & History**  
**Arts & History Commission- Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 4, 2008**  
**McCleary Auditorium- St. Alphonsus Hospital**



**Present:**

Carl Daugenti  
Suzanne Gore  
Jane Lloyd-Chair  
Margaret Hepworth-Vice Chair  
Pat Riceci- Legal Liason  
Stephenson Youngerman  
Sandy Harthorn-Past Chair  
Nancy Lemas  
Jane Lloyd  
Jordan Oberlindacher  
Elaine Clegg

**Absent:**

Richard Young

**Excused:**

David Hale  
Marianne Flagg-Secretary  
John Sahlberg

**Staff:**

Terri Schorzman, Director  
Karen Bubb, Public Arts Manager  
Janelle Wilson, Administrative Specialist  
Amy Fackler, Cultural Programs Manager

**Guests:**

Rae Lloyd Lever  
Bridget Baird

After a terrific tour of the art collection at St. Alphonsus, led by Jacque Crist and Tony\_\_\_\_, the meeting called to order by Margaret Hepworth at 6:30pm

The commissioners took a tour of the art of St. Alphonsus.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:**

Youngerman moved to approve the February meeting minutes, Daugenti seconded. **Motion carried.**

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### **Schorzman -Staff report**

- Budget build in progress for 2010-2011
- We are looking into hiring a designer for the department website
- We are researching a contact database to purchase
- Partnerships are being formed with Go Listen Boise and Alive After Five
- Depot Days is April 19th
- May is Preservation month
- We are preparing for Mayor's Arts Awards on September 25
- We are seeking partnerships for preservation of the James Castle cottage
- The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary party was a success!
- Fettuccine Forum March 5, 5:30 pm at the Rose Room- Women in Caricature with Sandra Schackel, Professor of History, Boise State
- Federal stimulus money will be distributed to the National Endowment for the Arts and then to the Idaho Commission on the Arts to be used for sustaining arts employment.
- Mayor Bieter is assembling a committee to plan for use of the stimulus funds citywide
- The Idaho Commission on the Arts is conducting a statewide survey of organizations on how they have been affected by the economic downturn
- The Americans for the Arts survey has been sent to the local organizations
- Bubb met with Jamie Cooper, Michelle Coleman, and Cort Connelly on ideas for public relations and marketing strategies. The recommendations are to work on creating a positive message to promote the arts, targeting our audience and promoting the engagement of new audiences, and showing gratitude for sustainability

### **Visual Arts Advisory Committee- Karen Bubb**

- An analysis of our public art collection is in progress
- New projects
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Street Artist in Residence open house each first Thursday at BoDo
  - SE neighborhood association project
  - New call for Parks & Recreation contract artists
  - City Hall West is considering housing of the Special Olympic cauldron

### **History Committee- Suzanne Gore**

- Fettuccine Forum continues through May
- Depot Days planning in progress
- New committee member, Jennifer Armstrong

### **Events and Performing Arts Committee- Stephenson Youngerman**

The first meeting of the new committee will be March 19, 5:30 pm. There will be discussion on the role of the committee and planning for events and performing arts under new direction.

### **Administration- Janelle Wilson**

We have been having great success growing our volunteer workforce. Many thanks to everyone that has referred volunteers to our department.

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**Youth Committee- Jordan Oberlindacher**

The Youth Committee is hosting an art party May 16<sup>th</sup>. Members are researching resources (art supplies, decorations, DJ, etc.) and will present a budget proposal to Wilson at the next meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm**

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MARCH 2009

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

FROM: Terri Schorzman, Department Director

RE: Monthly Report –March 2009



Arts & History

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**General**

**Budget/Funding:**

Department Budget: Completed preliminary budget for FY10 and FY11, with supporting documents. Included request (at minimum) for a permanent half-time city historian position.

Arts and History Fund: Continued to review – with a subcommittee of the commission<sup>1</sup> – the “city arts and history fund” program for analysis and restructure. Attended a day-long workshop from the Idaho Women’s Charitable Foundation about positive grant-making strategies, which may help identify issues and strategies during the review of the program.

Stimulus Funding: Met with Michael Faison at the Idaho Commission on the Arts and continued to speak with him about stimulus funding in the arts for Idaho. We will be able to access funding later this summer for job retention only. We won’t know the amount available until then. If we had applied for and received a National Endowment for the Arts grant within the past four years, we would be approved to receive between \$100,000 and \$250,000 directly from the NEA without match to re-grant to local arts groups. We are disqualified due to our lack of participation with direct NEA funds.

**Internal/Admin/Communications:**

IT: The Library! offered to include our public art collection in their catalog and will help develop our component; we meet with library catalogers on April 10 to begin the process. We have also identified a contact management database for \$300 and tested it (and loved it!). And, we have begun the process to redesign our website, with the services of Foestel Design and the city’s IT web developer.

Experienceboise.org: Synoptek, the vendor who created [www.experienceboise.org](http://www.experienceboise.org), will make minor changes to the site soon. Our volunteers continue to update it regularly.

Economic impact and messaging: Updated the Americans for the Arts “arts and prosperity” study by doing a quick survey of local groups; met with ICA staff about sharing and/or developing information together; and met with Jamie Cooper of Cooper-Drake about an approach for a messaging/public service campaign. Next steps still pending.

Attended a workshop offered by the Idaho Nonprofit Center about financial issues facing non-profits. I joined in a breakout session with arts non-profits and as a result will co-lead an “arts roundtable” session with Michelle Coleman from the ICA, on April 30 at the Foothills Room in City Hall. The session will be based on the “world café” model of public engagement.

**Sample of Projects:**

We are proceeding with all projects outlined in February’s report.

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<sup>1</sup> Carl Daugenti, Marianne Flagg, Sandy Harthorn, Margaret Hepworth

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New projects on the horizon: assisting Parks and Rec with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ann Morrison Park (July 4) and beginning a historical records and documentary evidence assessment for CCDC on downtown Boise.

## Collaboration and Outreach

We sent our third **e-newsletter** and continue to receive positive feedback about it. Our Facebook site is also getting many “friends and fans.”

I wrote letters of support for 1) the Boise Philharmonic for a National Endowment for the Art grant for collaborative programming and 2) for a heritage tourism program at the request of the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office (in my role as Idaho’s Advisor to the National Trust).

Met with two businessmen who are starting a Boise Segway Tour program this summer. We may assist with providing content for their tours.

**Committees**  
**Events and Performing Arts Committee:** The committee met on March 18.  
**History Committee:** The committee met March 18.  
**Visual Arts Committee:** The committee met on March 19.  
**Youth Committee:** The committee met March 12 and continues to plan their art/history event in May.

## Upcoming Department-sponsored Events

Fettuccine Forum, April 2: “Fooling with the Arts: The Fool Squad” ~ Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Presentation starts at 5:30 p.m. ~ Rose Room, upstairs in the Union Block, 718 W. Idaho Street

Depot Day: Sunday, April 19, noon - 6:00 pm; dedication of Big Mike at 1:00.

## In the news

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## **Visual Arts Report**

Prepared by Karen Bubb  
Public Arts Manager

**March 2009**



World War II Aviator  
in fabrication.

### **PROJECTS IN PROCESS: UPDATE**

#### ***NEW – HEADS UP!***

##### **NEW PROJECT: DBA Art on Traffic Boxes:**

DBA received a \$20,000 grant from the Mayor's Reinvestment Grant Program to commission designs from 5 local artists for downtown traffic boxes. A & H will facilitate artist selection. Applications will be released in April with a deadline in early May.

##### **NEW PROJECT: Council Recommends Funding Art for Vista Interchange:**

On March 24 City Council recommended that \$200,000 be allocated for art on the Vista Interchange, due to be updated in FY10. This request will be forwarded to the Capital Committee and be considered along with other capital requests for FY10/11. It may be funded in phases or all at once, depending on future economic conditions.

##### **NEW PROJECT: Art in Transit:**

Working with Valley Regional Transit and the Bus Driver's Union, we will be initiating a project in April to select artists to design art for five transit shelters. Funding is coming from a combination of A & H art in transit funds and a grant from the Bus Driver's Union.

##### **NEW EVENT: Cassia Park Archway Repainting Party Saturday May 9 11-3 p.m.**

Artist Michael Zapponi's figures atop the archway at Cassia Park is due for a repainting. The figures have been sandblasted and will be featured at a neighborhood paint party Saturday, May 9 from 11-3. Wear your painting clothes and join us! 4600 W. Camas Street between Orchard and Roosevelt Streets.

#### **PROJECTS IN FABRICATION TO BE COMPLETED IN 2009:**

**Parks: Zoo Boise** – Michael Baltzell is doing finishing touches on Zoo Boise project. \$39,324.

**Fire/Police: City Hall West** –Classic Design Studios (Noel Weber) is fabricating the cement relief walls featuring the history of police and fire, cast glass light sconces, and round concrete bollards. The bollards are installed. The concrete walls will be installed in April. The light sconces and enamel figures will be installed in May. \$133,000

**Library: West Branch** – Judy Collins from Denver is fabricating four glass artworks for the new branch at Cole and Ustick. Completion in June 2009. I will be visiting Denver in April and will do a studio visit with the artist, documenting her working on the project. \$58,000

**Boise Airport: World War II Aviator** –Benjamin Victor is creating a World War II Bomber Pilot as memorial to be permanently installed Boise Airport. Dedication scheduled for May 25, 2009. \$90,000

**Boise Airport: Fountain/Fireplace redesign** –Amy Westover is working on the redesign of the dysfunctional artwork and make it into a seating element. The glass and light elements will be installed in January. Projected to be completed in March. \$45,605

**Public Works: Planning** – Dwaine Carver is working on an assessment and update of the 2003 public works public art plan that he authored. Completion pending in June 2009. \$4,800.

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**Public Works: Geothermal Medallion** – Ward Hooper’s design for medallion selected. CCDC is contributing \$5,000. Thirty buildings confirmed as of 2/20/2009. \$20,000

**Public Works: Boise WaterShed** – Patrick Zentz did a site visit December 24 to identify sites to install the three wind artworks on the current grass as part of Phase I. Installation is pending for June 2009. \$80,000.

**Public Works: Boise WaterShed** – Amy Westover’s windows will be installed in April. A contractor has been hired! The floor installation will be subsequently installed. \$100,000

### **ARTISTS SELECTED/PROPOSALS UNDERWAY**

#### **Southeast Neighborhood Association (SENA) and BSU public art project:**

SENA received a \$20,000 grant from the Mayor’s neighborhood reinvestment grant program to do a public art project in cooperation with BSU’s art department. The project is to be located at Helen Lowder Park. The finalists—Benjamin Love, Marshall Sinclair, and Julie Patricia are refining their proposals and will resubmit by April 10<sup>th</sup>. After the proposals are on public view for 2 weeks the panel will reconvene and choose the final project. The selected project will be submitted to the Parks Commission and Arts & History Commission for final review before contracts are signed. A BSU faculty member will work as a mentor with the selected student to facilitate project fabrication and installation. The final work will be owned and maintained by the City of Boise.

### **CALL TO ARTISTS**

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Street Artist-in-Residence:**

8<sup>th</sup> Street Marketplace owners are providing open office space for Artists-in-Residence. Four artists/groups have been in the studios since February and will leave at the end of April—Alley Repertory Theater, Holly Streeker (installation artist), Kelly Packer (painter) and Adrian Kien (poet). Three were selected for May-July—Johanna Kirk (dancer), Kirsten Furlong (visual artist), and Laci McCrea (painter). In June we will conduct a selection process for the next batch of artists. Visit the open studios events at 8<sup>th</sup> Street Marketplace (2<sup>nd</sup> floor above “Shoez”) on First Thursday.

#### **Parks Call to Artists:**

The Call to artists has been released for new artists on contract. The deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Up to six artists can be selected to be on contract. ***See attached Call to Artists.***

Reham Jacobson’s Native Wildflowers on the Warm Springs Golf Course restroom

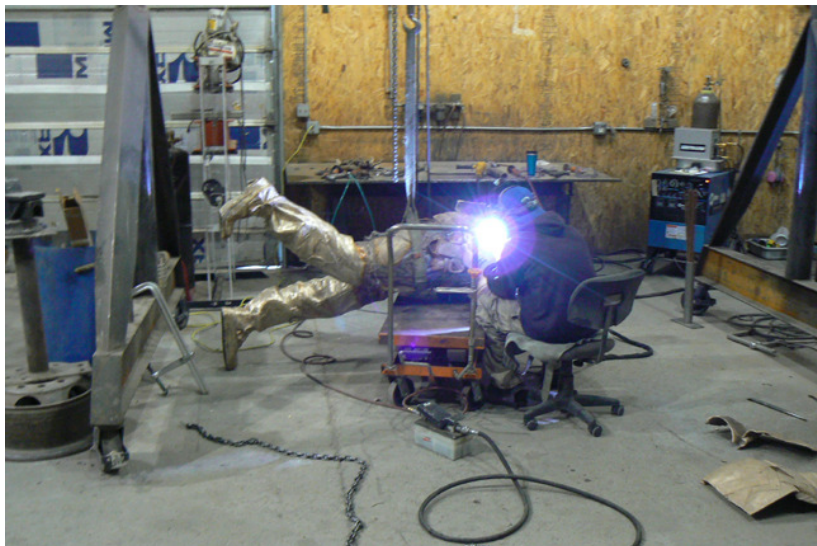




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## **OTHER ARTS/CULTURE/EDUCATION ACTIVITY**

- March 5<sup>th</sup> Attended 8<sup>th</sup> Street Marketplace AiR open house
- March 6<sup>th</sup> Acted as facilitator for BSU's Centre for Creativity and Innovation's workshop with Nancy Napier addressing creative economy concepts with interdisciplinary group of community leaders including representatives from Trey McIntyre Project, Idaho Shakespeare Festival, BSU Football Team, Microsoft, Healthwise, Ada County Sheriff's Department.
- March 11 Attended Trey McIntyre Project performance that was a benefit for the YMCA
- March 12 Spoke on a panel to Executive MBA BSU students with Phil Kushlan/CCDC, Alan Shealey/City Council, and Mark Rivers/BoDo talking about creative communities.
- March 13 Represented the Department on a committee to determine what colors to paint the CCDC parking garage at 8<sup>th</sup> between Main and Idaho
- March 13 Attended Alley Repertory Theater's Benefit at Visual Arts Collective
- March 16 Participated in BSU College of Arts and Sciences advisory committee meeting
- March 17 Consulted on potential memorial for soldiers killed in the Iraq and Afghanistan War
- March 18 Represented the Department at a City Stimulus meeting
- March 20 Attended Valley Repertory Theater performance of "Love Person"
- March 24 Facilitated public workshop for artists interested in applying for artist on contract opportunity
- March 26 Met with Brad Baughm, chairperson for culture in the Vision for the Valley effort
- March 31 Conducted studio visit with muralist Adrienne Headley



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## **March 2009 Report** **Public Arts Education and Conservation**

Prepared by Joshua Olson

### **Education**

#### 8<sup>th</sup> and Main Mural:

Special Olympics mural: 400 foot mural de-installed and half of the material was recycled for use in a construction project as form liners for concrete.

Joshua sits on the State committee for the Idaho Children and Nature Network on behalf of the City. The mural along Main Street will focus on the ICNN BE OUTSIDE initiative <http://www.visitidaho.org/children-in-nature/>. Half of the panels recycled from the Special Olympics mural will be used in this project. Ward Hooper is the lead artists on this project and will work with Treasure Valley Girl Scout Troops.

#### Website:

- Foerstel Design firm has been hired. IT department has promised Joshua a 50% match up to \$2500 (total web costs of 5K) to help launch a new website for Arts and History! Negotiations are finished. Contract signature pending final draft. Draft reviews start soon.

#### Public Art Map and Brochures:

- Distributed 7500 to date  
Boise WaterShed Youth Activity Booklet: Completed February and nearly 1000 distributed.

#### Public Works Pod-cast:

- Rough draft reviewed. Notes sent back to production team. Second review due by April.

#### Community Outreach:

- On schedule with the National Arts Program project. A City employee art show funded by the NAP purse of \$3000. 2000 employees and families are invited to participate. Invites go out in April

#### Grants:

- Applied for Arts and Humanities Grant: Denied
- Applied for the Boise Weekly Cover Art Grant: Denied
- Working on securing a "Save-a-landmark" grant/ Meetings and preliminary discussions: Pending

### **Maintenance Conservation**

#### Boise Visual Chronicle:

- Report in progress/ Robyn Salathe
- New hanging apparatus will be used to keep from damaging walls.
- Signs and plaques to be installed by April.
- New agreement with Grove Plaza is in place. Joshua will take care of 5 to 6 major installations per year.

#### Cleaning downtown Collection:

- Cleaned and repaired 10 primary downtown public art pieces in preparation for the spring.
- River Sculpture is scheduled for a top to bottom clean and stone clear-coating by mid to late April. Looking for a structural engineer to survey the integrity of the artwork and report to commission.

#### Maintenance

- Chinatown viewer #3 not lighting up. Looking for cause
- Great Blues (on Grove) needs river rock replacement and spring clean before turned on
- Natural Arch at Main Branch Library: Library is redesigning the front entry. Project to be moved. Karen report.
- Homage to the Pedestrian: Repairs pending new contractor

#### Kiosks

- Bid process complete for replacement panels
- Designs revisions underway

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Board Package – March 24, 2009

Amy Fackler, Cultural Programs Manager

### **News & Updates:**

- Committee Meeting – Stephenson wants to say a few words
- Performing Arts at the Market
  - Applications were due 3/6/09
  - Panel review held 3/16/09
  - New artist acceptance notification 3/19/09
  - Scheduling and notices to all participating artists – 3/27/09
  - Performances begin 4/18/09
  - Considering department booth again (experience boise) – summer & September.
  
- Arts for Kids
  - Met with managers March 10
  - Call to Artists news release sent 3/24/09; applications due 4/20/09
  - Currently planning detailed schedule with managers
  - Sent application for intern to HR
  
- Go Listen Boise
  - Working on *Hold it! Local!* pilot program for City's phone system.
  - Confirming legal language, IT requirements, and artist compensation estimate
  
- Fall for Boise
  - Working on ideas for September kick-off that are feasible w/very limited budget
  - Met with graphic artist on 3/25 regarding promotional materials
  - Met w/Morgan at DBA on 3/27 regarding promotional materials, events
  - Working on October programs: Worldfest, Fire dancers & drummers, Collaborations (unless move Collaborations to later in year)