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Department of Arts & History Commission Meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 2009, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Foothills Room, Boise City Hall



Arts & History

AGENDA

- 5:30 Call to Order** – Margaret Hepworth, chair [Carl Daugenti, vice chair, will lead meeting]
Approve Minutes of May 6, 2009
- Report from Executive Committee – David Hale will report
 - Staff report – [T. Schorzman will be absent] – Karen will report
- 6:00 Hot Topics – Department Programs**
Mayor’s Awards update, S. Gore
National Arts Program, K. Bubb
- 6:40 Reports**
- Visual Arts Advisory Committee: Chair, John Sahlberg
 - History Committee: Liaison, Suzanne Gore
 - Cultural Programs Committee: Chair, Stephenson Youngerman
 - Youth Committee, Janelle Wilson and Jordan Oberlindacher
- 6:55 New Business, Comments, Announcements, Upcoming Events**
- 7:00 Adjourn**

Upcoming Meetings:

- Executive Committee meeting: Tuesday, June 23, noon, A&H
- Commission meeting: Wednesday, July 3, Foothills Room, 5:30
- Cultural Programs Committee: Wednesday, June 17, 3:00, A&H
- Visual Arts Advisory Committee: Thursday, June 18, noon, A&H
- History Committee: Wednesday, June 24, 5:30, Idaho Historical Museum

Janelle’s cell, 724-6527

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Boise City Department of Arts & History
Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 6, 2009
Trey McIntyre Project office

Present:

Carl Daugenti- Exec. Comm.
Marianne Flagg
David Hale- Exec. Comm.
Sandy Harthorn
Margaret Hepworth- Chair
Jordan Oberlindacher- Youth Comm.
Stephenson Youngerman- EPAC
Richard Young

Staff:

Terri Schorzman, Director
Karen Bubb, Public Art Manager
Amy Fackler, Cultural Programs Manager
Janelle Wilson, Administration

Guests:

Anne Westcott, Consultant
Amy Rosenheim, Youth Committee
Laurel Bettis, Youth Committee

Excused:

Suzanne Gore- History Comm.

Absent:

Jane Lloyd
Nancy Lemas
John Sahlberg- VAAC

A tour and overview of the Trey McIntyre Project was provided by John Michael Schert.

The meeting called to order by Margaret Hepworth at 5:48pm

MEETING MINUTES

MOTION:

Youngerman moved to approve the April meeting minutes, Young seconded. **Motion carried.**

DIRECTOR REPORT- TERRI SCHORZMAN

- A Watershed board liaison is still needed. The time commitment is minimal. Let Margaret know if you are interested.
- There is a possibility of getting two interns through the city, one for cultural programs and one for history. CCDC and our department will also contract with graduate student Marc Frisk to research downtown Boise history.
- A new contact database and copier have been purchased for the department

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HOT TOPIC: COMMISSIONER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (BOARD PACKET PAGE 13-14) – MARGARET HEPWORTH & ANNE WESTCOTT

Key support areas for commissioners:

1. Encourage participation in artistic, cultural and historic *activities*;
2. Promote the growth and development of the City's artists, and artistic, cultural and historic *organizations*;
3. Foster the preservation and growth of the *financial resources* that support artistic, cultural and historic activities; and
4. Make recommendations about the acquisition and maintenance of cultural *assets*.

These objectives are achievable and measurable. The department will develop a tracking sheet to help measure and balance contributions and involvement. There is flexibility in how each commissioner participates in helping the department meet our mission and align objectives with our business plan.

MOTION:

Harthorn moved to approve the roles and responsibilities as a living document, Flagg seconded. **Motion carried.**

WRAP-UP HOT TOPIC (APRIL 2009): CITY ARTS AND HISTORY FUND RECOMMENDATIONS- CARL DAUGENTI (BOARD PACKET PAGE 15-16)

Changes will be made to the grant program in a phased approach over the next three years. All organizations will be required to submit a final report each year.

MOTION:

Young moved to approve the City Arts and History Fund recommendations, Youngerman seconded. **Motion carried.**

VISUAL ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE- RICHARD YOUNG & KAREN BUBB

Parks and Recreation artists on contract have been selected and approved by the Visual Arts Advisory Committee. The artists selected are Marcus Pierce, Reham Aarti Jacobson, Amber Conger, Michael Baltzell, Jessie Proksa, and Noel Weber.

MOTION:

Flagg moved to approve Parks and Recreation contract artist selections, Daugenti seconded. **Motion carried.**

Boise Visual Chronicle task force recommendations (board packet attachment) to define the current collection and plans to expand, identify measures of excellence, and regulate inventory and asset management. The department will be contracting assistance for the Boise Visual Chronicle recommendations and the public art master plan.

MOTION:

Youngerman moved to approve Boise Visual Chronicle task force recommendations, Harthorn seconded. **Motion carried.**

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Public Art projects update:

- WWII Aviator unveiling Memorial Day, May 25
- Cassia Park painting party Saturday, May 9
- Amy Westover's glass window art has been installed at the Watershed
- City Hall West dedication Monday, May 11 at 10:30 am
- Downtown Boise Association traffic box call to artists received a record 53 applications

HISTORY COMMITTEE- TERRI SCHORZMAN

- May is Preservation Month featuring tours and presentations
- The last Fettuccine Forum for the year is May 7 at the Rose Room, 5 pm, with speaker John Bertram
- The history committee will begin planning the Fettuccine Forum programming for next year
- Depot Day was successful and had approximately 2000 attendees
- Fool Squad Fettuccine Forum had record attendance

CULTURAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE - STEPHENSON YOUNGERMAN & AMY FACKLER

The Events and Performing Arts Committee is now the Cultural Programs Committee. The committee is re-evaluating their roles and responsibilities, amount of time available to commit to meetings and outside events, and the possibility of rotating members. They are looking for more committee members as well as developing a volunteer group. Evaluation of the current cultural programs will be discussed at each monthly meeting.

Go Listen Boise on hold music for the city will feature local artists and should be available to the public soon.

YOUTH COMMITTEE- JORDEN OBERLINDACHER & JANELLE WILSON

"Get Sick" event is on! May 23 at Fort Boise 8-11pm. The committee is still in need chaperones and volunteers.

ADDITIONAL BOARD PACKET MATERIALS

State of the Downtown- arts article by Karen Bubb
Mayor's Awards nomination forms released- due June 12

COMMUNITY BUSINESS

Trey McIntyre Project "Program 3" @ Special Events Center, May 29-30
Modern Art @ Modern Hotel, May 7
Leukemia Lymphoma Society event "Beat it" @ Visual Arts Collective, May 8
Artist in Residence @ BoDo, May 7
Sunday Market @ Linen Building, May 17
Ballet Idaho 4-5 year olds dance class @Esther Simplot Academy, May 7
Garth Claasen @ Boise Art Museum, 5:30pm May 7

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm

Next meeting June 3, 2009 at 5:30pm in the Foothills Room, City Hall

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May 2009

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

FROM: Terri Schorzman, Department Director

RE: Monthly Report – May 2009



General

Budget/Funding:

Department Budget: Still in two-year budget build process. City-wide budget workshop will take place on June 21 and 22.

City Arts & History Fund: Upon commissioner approval of revisions at the May meeting, I began revising text and working with the IT department to developing an on-line application process. Should be ready to go “live” by mid-June.

Summer Staffing: With funds from the HR Department, we hired two interns – one for cultural programs and one for history. This is a great help to move our programs forward. Also, we may have an opportunity for one more 20-hour week staff person (through the summer) to be funded by stimulus (through the State of Idaho). We will also have two folks on contract, one to work with the Boise Visual Chronicle, and one to help with a research project for CCDC.

Internal/Admin/Communications:

IT: We purchased LeGrand database software and are working with the City’s IT department for installation (scheduled for June 3). We met with On-Base representatives to determine its use as a “collections management” tool for the public art collection; it seems workable. We continue to move forward with our website re-design with Forrestel Design (it is really gorgeous and functional!)

Sample of Projects:

Mayor’s Awards in Arts & History: Date is confirmed for Friday, September 25. Our location is still to be determined. Requests for nominations were announced in our e-newsletter, *Headlines*, on May 1, and again on May 20; the Mayor also distributed information in his Mayor’s e-Memo on May 21. We also sent it to the media for broader distribution. We have had many inquires and the nominations are beginning to roll in. Our new cultural programs intern is following up with nominators from 2007 to confirm whether they want their nomination included this year.

National Arts Program: We announced the program to citywide staff on May 26. **The reception and awards ceremony** will be held at the Idaho State Historical Museum located at 610 Julia Drive in Julia Davis Park on September 3, 2009 at 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. **All commissioners are welcome to participate!**

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The Art Show is sponsored by the National Arts Program Foundation (NAP) in support and cooperation with the City of Boise Department of Arts & History. The NAP is based in Pennsylvania and is in its 27th year. NAP sponsors 85 annual venues within 44 states and the District of Columbia; Boise is the first location in Idaho to participate. We are pleased to be invited to join this very successful program and support its commitment to recognize the artist talents of public employees throughout the nation.

Preservation Month: Our department-sponsored (with the Library as a co-sponsor) presentations and tours have been a big hit! By the end of month almost 200 will have learned more about New Deal architecture in our city.

Youth Party: The event was terrific! The teenagers were very creative, well-behaved, and had a great time. Our partnership with the Rec Center worked very well, and staff there would like to do it again. The event took place on Saturday, May 23, from 8:00 – 11:00 pm.

Dedication of WWII Aviator: Great event (Monday, May 25)! A good-sized crowd attended the ceremony; the statue won the hearts of all!

Arts for Kids will kick off in early June, Fall for Boise events are getting put into place, and Performing Arts at the Market is humming along.

Collaboration and Outreach

We sent our sixth **e-newsletters**, *Headlines*.

We will hold the second of four Culture Cafés on June 17 at the Morrison Center. The focus will be on individual visual artists. Evaluations from the first Café were very positive. We continue to work with other City departments to support the booth at the market; this has been a positive move and helps share the load of keeping the City's presence every Saturday.

Committees **Cultural Programs Committee**: The committee met on May 20 and reviewed the "collaborations" event.

History Committee: The committee met on May 30 and confirmed topics and speakers for next year's Fettucine Forum.

Visual Arts Committee: The committee met on April 16 and received a report from the Boise Visual Chronicle committee.

Youth Committee: The committee met a couple of times and continues to plan their art/history event on May 23 tentatively at Fort Boise Rec Center.

Upcoming Department-sponsored Events

Arts for Kids, Performing Arts in the Market...City Arts & History Fund

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Visual Arts Report
Prepared by Karen Bubb
Public Arts Manager

May 2009

Cassia Park Paint Party



REPORT ON EVENTS/PROJECTS COMPLETED

May 7, 8th Street Artist-in-Residence:

8th Street Marketplace owners are providing open office space for Artists-in-Residence. Three were selected for May-July—Johanna Kirk (dancer), Kirsten Furlong (visual artist), and Laci McCrea (painter). The First Thursday in May had numerous visitors. Visit the open studios events at 8th Street Marketplace (2nd floor above “Shoez”) on First Thursday in June on June 4th.

The developer has decided to discontinue this program after July.

May 9, Cassia Park Archway Repainting Party Saturday

Neighborhood kids and parents came to Cassia Park to repaint Artist Michael Zapponi’s figures atop the archway. About twenty people participated and the project was reinstalled that day. Kids also enjoyed face painting and donut eating. It was a fun-filled day with the neighborhood.

May 11, Fire/Police: City Hall West – Approximately 150 people attended the open house at City Hall West on Monday, May 11, 4-8pm at 333 N. Sailfish Place. Classic Design Studios (Noel Weber) completed the cement relief walls featuring the history of police and fire and round concrete bollards. See below for other works in process for this site.

May 25th, Boise Airport: World War II Aviator – Approximately 200 people attended the dedication for Benjamin Victor’s World War II Airman as memorial permanently installed at Boise Airport. Tim Woodward wrote an article in the Idaho Statesman about the project on May 24th. All news channels ran stories on the 25th and 26th. Thanks to Stephenson Youngerman for coming to the event. \$90,000

May 26th, Boise Airport: Fountain/Fireplace redesign –Amy Westover completed installing the glass and wood elements for the food court art/seating element. It looks fantastic. \$45,605

PROJECTS IN FABRICATION TO BE COMPLETED IN 2009:

Public Art Plan – Amy Pence Brown is assisting me with interviews and text preparation for the updated public art plan.

Fire/Police: City Hall West – Classic Design Studios is now working on the cast glass light sconces for the wall and flag poles and enamel panels for the interior of the cement walls. \$133,000

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Public Works: Boise WaterShed – The floor installation will be installed in June. We'll plan a party for September to celebrate completed projects. \$100,000

Library: West Branch – Judy Collins from Denver is fabricating four glass artworks for the new branch at Cole and Ustick. Completion in June 2009. \$58,000

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.

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

Public Works: Boise WaterShed – Patrick Zentz three wind artworks will be installed in the landscape in June 2009. \$80,000.

Park art signs to be produced/installed: \$5,064

- Zoo African Plains Exhibit (budget for signs in artist contract already, Baltzell working on it)
- Jullion Park artwork (sign completed, no additional cost – will be installed when replacement lenses are installed in Spring)
- Fallen Firefighters Memorial (\$500 estimate for simple bronze sign)
- Foothills Learning Center Dandelion (\$950 estimate for 2 signs, porcelain enamel on steel, one outside and one inside, to be done by April)
- Sycamore Park murals (\$1,100 estimate for porcelain enamel on steel on metal stand)
- Warm Springs Park mosaic restroom (\$1,200 estimate for 2 signs - aluminum cut on one wall, aluminum with words inset and brochure holder on another wall)
- Philippe Park (\$850 porcelain enamel on steel on steel stand in planter bed)
- McDevvit Park skate park mural (\$250 for simple sign, attached to wall)

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. Two finalists provided refined proposals—Benjamin Love and Marshall Sinclair. Benjamin Love's project was selected. This will come before A & H in June for final review before contracts are signed. The final work will be owned and maintained by the City of Boise.

Artists On Contract:

The following six artists have been approved as Artists on Contract. Contract drafts are under review. **Marcus Pierce:** painter, **Reham Aarti Jacobson:** mosaic artist, **Amber Conger:** sculptor, **Michael Baltzell:** designer, sculptor, **Jessie Proksa:** designer, multi-media artist, **Noel Weber:** designer, sculptor

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Parks Projects Assigned to Artists:

New Parks Public Art Projects 2009	Budget
Julia Davis Art (Pavilion Art – on previous contract with <i>Day Christenson</i>):	\$47,800
Optimist Sports Complex: Four additional sport icons marking fields – Sole source contract with <i>Ward Hooper</i>	\$16,500
Marianne Williams Park: <i>no artist assigned yet</i>	\$52,500
Morley Nelson Community Center Mural: <i>Marcus Pierce</i>	\$13,000
Peppermint Park: <i>Reham Arti Jacobsen</i>	\$20,000
Hobble Creek Park: <i>Amber Conger</i>	\$20,000
Tree Identification Project: <i>Noel Weber</i> at Ann Morrison Park & Julia Davis Park	\$24,500
Idaho Ice World: <i>Michael Baltzell</i>	\$19,500
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGETS	\$218,864

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 facilitated artist selection. 53 artists applied; 5 artists were selected—Bob Neal, Karen Woods, Patrick Kilby, Tarmo Watia, and Amy Lundstrom.

PROJECTS STILL IN FORMATION

Art in Transit:

Valley Regional Transit will match the \$8,300 that Arts & History has for Art in Transit with a 4-1 match of \$33,000. Discussions are underway about what art projects to fund this year with these funds. We are also still working with Valley Regional Transit and the Bus Driver’s Union, to initiate a project to select artists to design art five transit shelters. The \$5,000 funding for the art is coming from A & H. The other funds for the shelters are coming from the Bus Driver’s Union.

OTHER ARTS/CULTURE/EDUCATION ACTIVITY

- May Mondays Participated in a hand-building clay class at Fort Boise taught by Kerry Moosman
- May 2: Attended Ballet Idaho performance at the Spec Center
- May 7: Participated as an artist in Modern Art at the Modern Hotel where thousands came to see artists’ rooms decked out with art.
- May 9: Hosted the Cassia Park Arch paint party – 20 neighborhood kids/parents participated.
- May 15: Attended Trey McIntrye Project Gala

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- May 17: Participated in the Linen Market at the Linen Building
- May 20-21: Drove to Joseph Oregon to see the foundry where the World War II Aviator was cast and watched the final patina of the sculpture
- May 25: Hosted the dedication of the World War II Aviator at Boise Airport. Approximately 200 people—many veterans and their family—attended.
- May 27: Participated in the 9 + 1 exhibition at J. Crist Show. Over 200 people attended the opening party.
- May 29-30: Attended Trey McIntyre Project dance performances

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History Committee
May 2009 Summary

Programs:

Department-sponsored activities for Preservation Month were very well-received. Approximately 200 people attended the three presentations and three on-site tours:

Wednesday, May 13: Reclamation and the Treasure Valley

The settlement of the American West depended upon successful efforts at reclamation—the drawing of water resources into arid landscapes. Assistant City Historian Marc Frisk will discuss the early history of canal-building and irrigation efforts in the Boise area.

7 p.m., Main Library, Hayes Auditorium

Companion Tour: Mary Hallock Foote site, Saturday, May 16, 10 AM

Wednesday, May 20:

The WPA (and others) in Idaho

The Works Progress Administration and other Depression-era programs employed out-of-work laborers and built architecture and infrastructure throughout the country. State Architectural Historian Tricia Canaday and the students of Timberline High School's Boise Architecture Project will present a survey of what these efforts contributed to Idaho.

7 p.m., Main Library, Hayes Auditorium

Companion Tour: Old Ada County Courthouse, Saturday, May 23, 10 AM

Wednesday, May 27:

Civic Architecture of The Modernist Age

After World War II, a prosperous America embraced a bold, forward-looking architecture. Government agencies in particular used Modernism to symbolize the optimism, growth and power of the new American age. City Historian Tully Gerlach will give a presentation on prominent examples of this style in Boise.

7 p.m., Main Library, Hayes Auditorium

Companion Tour: Modern Architecture in downtown Boise With Historian Dan Everhart, Saturday, May 30, 10 AM, Capitol Park

The History Committee prepared the next slate of topics and speakers for the 2009-2010 season of the Fettucine Forum, and identified upcoming programs. They will meet in a planning session at the end of June to consider next steps on committee operations, project assessment, etc.

Staffing:

Tully Gerlach completed his tenure as City Historian. He did a fabulous job in moving the history component of the department forward. We will miss him. Brandi Burns will begin her role as City History (BSU-sponsored) in September; she will serve a summer intern in the interim. Marc Frisk completed his internship with the Department in May and will serve as a consultant this summer to work specifically on a research project on Downtown redevelopment in the 1960s and 1970s.

Cultural Programs Board Report

Update – Current Projects

I. Performing Arts in the Market

1. Started April 18 – going well
2. Gave card out to many vendors to contact me if any issues.
3. Might be an additional (but smaller) market on Thursdays? Waiting to hear more info from CCDC.
4. When so crowded, is very difficult to hear performers without any amplification.

II. City of Boise Booth –

1. Working with City a big help.
2. Recognize the need to spice up the presentation. For example, HUGE difference when Public Works hosts the booth because of they display garbage cans. Something big really draws people in. Lack of budget for improvements is an issue.

III. Arts for Kids – this year: June 6 – August 8

1. Currently, artists scheduled.
2. Held training/supplies meeting on May 18.
3. Getting contracts out ASAP.

IV. Fall for Boise

1. **Publication.** Working with DBA & graphic designer Tamara Shores. Sent out request to organizations for info on Sept./Oct. events.
2. **Kick-Off Event:** Date set as Saturday, September 5, 2009. Working on details w/Scot Oliver, Dave Krick, Beth Geagan, Karen Ellis as to whether they want to include food as part of event. Our dept. will provide performer(s) for a party type of opening celebration.
3. **Salsa – Fiesta Tropical – September 26**
 1. Laura from mjj productions managing event.
 2. Still need to clarify some logistics, legalities.
 3. Hope is to showcase performing arts groups to audiences that might not otherwise have exposure.
4. **Worldfest – October 10**
 1. Keeping it simple during the market hours this year. Past years, have had feedback that it cleared out when the market ended.
 2. Maria-Carmen from ICA has limited time this year due to a national conference being held in Boise starting Oct. 21. She organized booths – don't know if she'll have time this year. So will focus on performances from our end.
5. **Closing Event:** Set tentatively for October 24, Grove plaza – fire dancers, performers...
6. **Collaborations.**
 - i. Cultural Programs Committee is currently considering change in venue and revamping some aspects.

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ii. Want to build on successes and try a few new angles, too.

V. Hold It! Local (part of Go Listen Boise)

1. Just received the music loops and contract language.
2. Need to review music and get final list of artists and contracts signed.

VI. Fulton Street Theater

1. Responsible to obtain info on # of dates/organizations using location
2. Just received Quarter 1 & Q2 numbers. Some delay due to BCT staff cuts.
3. When completed at end of fiscal year (Sept. 30), will present info to this committee & then CCDC.

VII. Mayor's Awards for Arts & History – Sept. 25, 2009

1. Working with Suzanne from History Committee & Terri Schorzman. Have set panel review date & time: Wednesday, June 24, 11:30am – 1:30pm.
2. Applications due June 12.

VIII. INTERN!

1. Tegan Rawlings started May 27.
2. She is already a great help, particularly with the City of Boise booth obligation. 😊