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Department of Arts & History Commission Meeting

Wednesday, July 1, 2009, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Boise Watershed, 11818 W. Joplin Rd



Arts & History

AGENDA

- 5:30** Tour of Boise Watershed public art, K. Bubb
- 6:00** **Call to Order** – Margaret Hepworth, chair
Approve Minutes of June 3, 2009
- Report from Executive Committee – M. Hepworth
 - Staff report – T. Schorzman
- 6:15** **Hot Topics – Department Programs**
Mayor’s Awards update
National Arts Program
City Arts & History Fund
Cultural Cafés
- 6:45** **Reports**
- Visual Arts Advisory Committee: Chair, John Sahlberg
 - History Committee: Liaison, Suzanne Gore
 - Cultural Programs Committee: Chair, Stephenson Youngerman
 - Youth Committee, Janelle Wilson
- 6:55** **New Business**, Comments, Announcements, Upcoming Events
- 7:00** **Adjourn**

Upcoming Meetings:

- Executive Committee meeting: Tuesday, July 28, noon, A&H
- Commission meeting: Wednesday, August 25, Foothills Room, 5:30
- Cultural Programs Committee: Wednesday, July 15, 3:00, A&H
- Visual Arts Advisory Committee: Wednesday, July 16, noon, A&H
- History Committee: Wednesday, July 22, Idaho Historical Museum

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

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

FROM: Terri Schorzman, Department Director

RE: Monthly Report – June 2009

General

Budget/Funding:

Department Budget: Presented two-year budget to Mayor and Council on June 22.

City Arts & History Fund: The on-line application process was completed; applications for funding are due August 14, 2009.

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: See attachment below of Department activities since 10/09.

Collaboration and Outreach

We sent our seventh **e-newsletters, Headlines** on June 24.

We will hold the third of four Culture Cafés on July 17 at Opera Idaho. The focus will be on individual performing artists. Evaluations have been very positive.

Committees

Cultural Programs Committee: in staff report

History Committee: in staff report

Visual Arts Committee: in staff report

Upcoming Department-sponsored Events

Arts for Kids, Performing Arts in the Market....City Arts & History Fund...Mayor's Awards

Department activity since 10/09 – Examples:

Administrative

- New website designed and under construction
- Contact management database in development
- Internal file structures streamlined
- Outreach to stakeholders begun – culture cafes in process
- New on-line grant application process developed and launched
- Roles and responsibilities workshop with commissioners
- Planning process with committees
- Public Art master-planning process
- Boise Visual Chronicle curatorial assessment
- Grants – identifying/locating opportunities, some applications submitted

Department-wide events

- Mayors Awards underway for 2009
- Headlines: e-newsletter
- 30th anniversary event
- Youth event (interactive art)
- National Art Program

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- Public art and history tours
- Fall for Boise

Partner projects:

- Downtown info kiosk redesign with DBA and CCDC
- Art wall with DBA and CCDC
- Artists in Residence with BoDo
- AFK and PAM with CCDC
- Digitization of historic downtown photos (redevelopment in 60s and 70s) with CCDC
- Fettucine Forum with BSU
- Upcoming book project with BSU on Five-Star Streetscapes
- Traffic boxes art project with DBA
- Facilitation and assistance with other public art projects

Sponsor projects:

- Go Listen Boise
- Preservation Month
- Fiesta Topical (pending)

City Partners

- Depot Day (with Parks)
- Youth Event (with Parks)
- Preservation Month (with Library)
- Public art in parks, airport, public works, fire/police – going strong!

Big initiatives under consideration

- Centennial of the Interurban 2011
- Sesquicentennial events for 2013
- Festival of some sort
- Cultural Center site
- Spanish Village
- Castle Cottage

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Department of
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**Boise City Department of Arts & History
Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 3, 2009
Foothills Room, City Hall**

Present:

Carl Daugenti- Exec. Comm.
Suzanne Gore- History Comm.
Nancy Lemas
Jane Lloyd
Jordan Oberlindacher- Youth Comm.
John Sahlberg- VAAC
Pat Riceci- Legal liason

Staff:

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

Guests:

Jordan Langfield, Youth Comm.

Excused:

Terri Schorzman, Director
Marianne Flagg
David Hale- Exec. Comm.
Sandy Harthorn
Margaret Hepworth- Chair
Stephenson Youngerman- EPAC
Richard Young

The meeting was called to order by Carl Daugenti at 5:33pm

MEETING MINUTES

NO QUORUM, MUST APPROVE AT NEXT MEETING

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT- JANE LLOYD

- City Council will hold a budget workshop June 22-23 to review proposed 2010-2011 budgets
- The Legrand contact database has been installed
- A Culture Café for visual artists will be held June 17, 9:30-11:30am at the Morrison Center

DEPARTMENT REPORT- KAREN BUBB

- National Art Program city art show will open with an awards ceremony September 3 and will be available for viewing through September 13. All employees, families, and volunteers are invited to submit entries. Perry Allen and Barbara Robinson have been selected as jurors.

HOT TOPIC: DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

- The Mayor's Arts and History Awards will be presented Friday, September 25 at the Powerhouse Events Center. Powerhouse is generously discounting some of the costs for the event. There will be theater style seating for the awards. Guests will be provided heavy appetizers and drinks, dessert, and coffee. A video presentation will be shown and there will be a silent auction featuring arts and history items.

The awards nominating committee will meet to make recommendations to the Mayor on June 24. The committee members are Mark Baltus, Sidney Fiddler, Tracy Hall, John Sahlberg, and Anthony Doerr.

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VISUAL ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE- JOHN SAHLBERG/KAREN BUBB

- Bubb presented a slide show of the recent public art projects:
Judy Collins, Ustick Library! June 30 dedication at 9:30am
Amy Westover, Watershed windows
Cassia Park, neighborhood community painting party
Benjamin Victor, WWII Aviator sculpture at Airport
Amy Westover, Redesign of Aggregate at Airport
Classic Design, plaza at City Hall West
Downtown Boise Association Traffic Boxes, 5 artists have been selected

HISTORY COMMITTEE- SUZANNE GORE

- Historic Preservation month was very successful. There was a good turn out for the tours and presentations.
- The committee is finalizing the presentation line-up for Fettuccine Forum for the next year.
- Brandi Burns, the new City Historian, will begin work June 19.
- Mark Frisk has completed his internship but will continue to work on contract through the summer on a downtown history project for CCDC.

CULTURAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE - AMY FACKLER

- There will be an additional Capital City Public Market on Thursday's starting soon. There is a possibility of placing performers at this market in the future, but there is not available funding from the department at this time.
- Arts for Kids starts this Saturday, June 6 and will run through August 8
- Tegan Rawlings will be the Cultural Programs intern for the summer
- The committee is discussing ideas for changing aspects of the Collaborations Project. Our constituents have requested more performance programming during the winter months and we will continue efforts to make it even more collaborative and innovative than ever before.
- Hold it! Local music on hold is nearly ready to launch. When a caller is placed on hold in the city they will have the opportunity to hear local musicians. This is a partnership with Go Listen Boise. We have also partnered with this group to place local performers at Alive After Five.

YOUTH COMMITTEE- JORDEN OBERLINDACHER & JANELLE WILSON

- The youth committee event held May 23 at Fort Boise was a complete success! 54 students attended and were given the opportunity to decorate t-shirts, faces, and a temporary graffiti wall while a DJ spun popular music in the gym. Fort Boise staff was pleased with the event and is interested in holding a similar event again in the future.

ADDITIONAL BOARD PACKET MATERIALS

State of the City booklet

National Art Program brochures

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm

*Next meeting July 1, 2009 at 5:30pm at the Watershed, 11818 W. Joplin Rd
Boise, ID 83714*

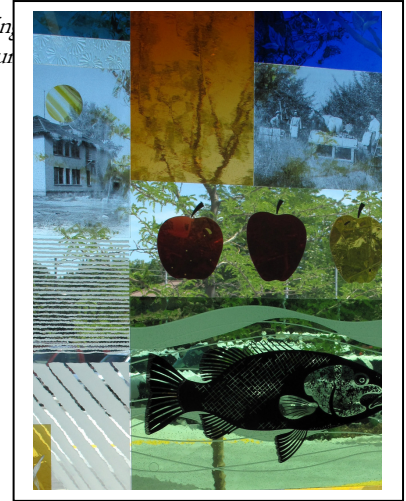
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Visual Arts Report

Prepared by Karen Bubb
Public Arts Manager

June 2009

"Ustick Dreaming" detail
by Judy Gorsuch Collins



REPORT ON EVENTS/PROJECTS COMPLETED

June 4th, 8th Street Artist-in-Residence:

8th Street Marketplace owners are providing open office space for Artists-in-Residence.

The three May-July artists—Johanna Kirk (dancer), Kirsten Furlong (visual artist), and Laci McCrea (painter)—had an open studios event on First Thursday. Many visitors attended to see live dance and paintings in progress. Visit the open studios events at 8th Street Marketplace (2nd floor above "Shoez") on First Thursday on July 2nd.

The developer has decided to CONTINUE this program in September with two spaces.

Library: West Branch – Judy Collins from Denver installed four glass artworks for the new branch at Cole and Ustick. The soft opening was June 24 and the public opening is June 30th. See attached news release. \$58,000

Public Works: Planning – Dwaine Carver completed an assessment and update of the 2003 public works public art plan. Please find a digital copy attached to this report. A hard-copy will be provided at the next board meeting so no need to print. The plan will be discussed at the August Public Works Commission meeting, which will determine the next projects to initiate for public works. \$4,800.

Signage Installation: Artist Amber Conger repaired Jullion Park artwork (glass lenses had been removed) and installed sign.

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. Completion pending for September, 2009.

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

NEW: Bubb is working with nationally known local artist Mark Manwaring to commission him to do two artworks representing Police and Fire for the lobby of City Hall West. Manwaring was chosen in consultation with Police and Fire Departments for a direct commission due to his specialty focus on paintings of police and fire scenes.

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

Public Works: Geothermal Medallion – Ward Hooper's design for medallion selected. CCDC is contributing \$5,000. Thirty buildings confirmed. Bubb is meeting with building owners to determine sites for medallions. An unveiling event will take place at City Hall on August 11 at 11am. Project in fabrication. \$20,000

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

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

- Zoo African Plains Exhibit
(budget for signs in artist contract already, Baltzell working on it)
- 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)
- McDevitt 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. Benjamin Love’s project was selected but is undergoing design revisions. This will come before A & H in August 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

Parks Projects Assigned to Artists:

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

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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.

Artist in Residence Programs:

Bubb is speaking with landowners to secure other artist in residence spaces. Negotiations are underway with Baum Realty to potentially lease the old Moon’s space at 815 Bannock to use it for cultural purposes. Space uses could include artist display, performances, workshops, studio space, or other culturally-related events.

OTHER ARTS/CULTURE/EDUCATION ACTIVITY

- June 12, 13 Bubb attended BSU class called Monuments, Memorials and Shrines, taught by art historian Karen Brown. It was a really interesting and pertinent class. Paper written for class attached for your reading pleasure (no board requirements to read).
- June 16th Bubb provided public art tour for Todd Shallat’s summer class focusing on urban planning and history topics. 15 students attended.
- June 17th Bubb attended Department of Arts & History’s Culture Café for Visual Artists
- June 17-23 Bubb attended the *Americans for the Arts* conference in Seattle, Washington. The focus of the conference was on renewable resources: arts in sustainable communities. Bubb attended a public art tour called *Art in the Halls of Power*, which included visits to the City Hall, County Courthouse, Central Library, Justice Center, Transit Centers, Correctional facility, Pike Street Market and other City and County buildings. She saw exhibitions at the Seattle Art Museum, Tacoma Glass Museum, Tacoma Art Museum, Experience Music Project, Science Fiction Museum, and Olympic Sculpture Park. Workshops attended included Public Art and *Private Development: Strategically Shaping Our Cities*, *Art that Works: The Expressive Potential of Art in an Emerging Eco-Society*, and *Just for Awhile: Temporary Public Artwork in the City*. Special presentations included a keynote speech by Bill Ivey on the sustainability of the arts sector, Dr. Peter Senge about organizational philosophy, and public art year in review.

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June 2009 Report
Public Arts Education and Maintenance

Prepared by Joshua Olson

Education

Main St Mural: Idaho Fish and Game, 10 girl-scout troops and the BE OUTSIDE committee.
Installation is on the 27th of June

National Arts Program: City employee art show funded by the NAP purse of \$3000.
Brochures printed and distributed. See attached.

Tours:

-Association of Idaho Cities: 2 tours with 36 participants. Request of the Mayors office

Grants:

-Save-a-Landmark/ \$10,000 Maintenance Grant: Pending
-National Arts Program Educational Grant: Accepted amount \$1000 for supplemental materials and supplies for employee artshow

Public Art Map: Printed 18,000/ Distributed 9500 to date

Website:

Design nearly complete. Transfer of design to City slated for second week in July.
Populating the website is in planning stages. September 1st is deadline.

Public Works Pod-cast:

Pending project installations. No Progress

Maintenance Conservation

Boise Visual Chronicle:

- Hired Amy Pence Brown to address current goals for collection. Inventory, maintenance and care guide. Reinstallation requirements, methods and future care.

Downtown Public Art Collection:

- River Sculpture cleaned and turned on: Needs to be inspected by Late June. Hired inspection team to repair or replace any loose and or lost granite layers.
- Great Blues: Having filtration issues. Looking at solutions
- Keepsies, Grant pending for major maintenance issues. Three bids for repairs.
- Sidney's Niche: Cleaned and repainted, Looks fantastic.
- Basque Mural: Sanded, paint touch up and clear coated

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Cultural Programs Committee Board Update - July 2009

I. Performing Arts in the Market

1. Ongoing through October 24.
2. Performers this month:
 - i. July 4: Wendy Matson, Jack Brown, Middle Income Household Band
 - ii. July 11 – Encore, Randy Steward, High Desert Band
 - iii. July 18 – Elisabeth Blin, Darkwood Consort, Nejawah's World Dance
 - iv. July 25 – Tim Andreae, Sidemen, JB Duo

II. City of Boise Booth –

1. TEGAN, intern through September 30, a tremendous help.
2. Still need to spice up the presentation. Need to include budget for it next year if we continue. Okay for right now, since many weeks we share with other city departments. I'll try to spice it up a little for 4th of July... still thinking about it and trying to come up with creative ways without spending money.

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

1. Just completed third week (by June 24 meeting date).
2. First two weeks were rainy; first week very rainy & slower than usual. Manager said they'd never had to deal with rain before! Have always been lucky.
3. Calendar in this packet and available on City of Boise Web site.

IV. Fall for Boise

1. **Publication.** Tamara Shores (graphic designer hired by DBA) submitted first draft. Going through edits.
2. **Kick-Off Event:** Date set as Saturday, September 5, 2009. Working on details w/Scot Oliver, Dave Krick, & Beth Geagan. Would like to continue "City Harvest" concept but make it more accessible (less expensive) and simple. I will be responsible for contracting Grove, coordinating/paying performers & seeing if Mayor could speak at event.
3. **Salsa – Fiesta Tropical – September 26**
 - Firming up. Will highlight 5 local performing arts groups: Trey McIntyre, Idaho Dance Theatre, TrICA, Balance, & Drop. Each group will present a Latin-inspired dance.
 - Hope is to showcase performing arts groups to audiences that might not otherwise have exposure.
4. **Worldfest – October 10**
 - Keeping it simple during the market hours this year. Past years, have had feedback that it cleared out when the market ended.
 - Contacting potential performance groups.
5. **Collaborations –** Moving to winter – probably First Thursday, February.

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

1. Need to have a few loops switched out.
2. Still working on getting final legal requirements from Go Listen Boise.

VI. Fulton Street Theater

1. Tracking performance use for CCDC.
2. This funding expires at the end of CCDC's fiscal year.

VII. INTERN!

1. Tegan Rawlings. She is GREAT.
2. Totally confident in her abilities; I even took a first full Saturday off last week! ☺

VIII. OTHER

Attended Americans for the Arts Conference in Seattle, July 18 – 20. Great conference; inspired with many new ideas.

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**Report of the Youth Committee Art Event "Get Sick"
Held at Fort Boise 5/23/09**



The Department of Arts & History Youth Committee (under the staff supervision of Janelle Wilson) designed, planned, and executed this one of a kind teen arts event. Participants included 54 students from 6 area schools. Students were invited to express themselves creatively in a safe, free environment. Each participant received a t-shirt to decorate and was encouraged to paint on the temporary graffiti wall. We also offered face painting and had a DJ spinning in the gym. The majority of our cost was covered by in-kind community donations. All marketing was done through digital social networking. We're proud to report that not a single drop of paint escaped the designated areas and we did not have one discipline problem the entire night! We hope to present a similar event in partnership with Parks & Recreation again in the future.

Special thanks for support and contributions from the Department of Arts & History, Terri Schorzman, Mayor Bieter, Carl Daugenti, Clay Lee, Paul Schoenfelder, Stephanie Hinton, Jessica and Greg Briggs, Home Depot, the Oberlindacher family, and DJ Polish Pat.

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Financial report for "Get Sick" Event

Expenditures

T-shirts (100)	\$225.56
Art supplies	\$116.26
Security	\$104.00
Food	\$56.25
TOTAL	\$552.07

In-kind donations

DJ (3 hours)	\$350
Home Depot (graffiti wall materials)	\$100
Construction of wall	\$100
Space rental	\$1400
Lighting and sound equipment	\$500
Food	\$50
TOTAL	\$2500