

AGENDA

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Tablerock Room, 3rd floor City Hall

Lunch served at 11.30

- I. Call to Order – Dede Ryan , Commissioner
- II. Approve Minutes of December 2, 2015
- III. Reports and Approvals_-- *Reports in board packets provide status of all projects.*
 - Cultural Programs (Fackler) -- Update: grant-related events, archives status
 - Grants
 - Citywide Archives Survey
 - Communications (Reichert) – Update: James Castle Home Site
 - Public Art (Bubb) –
 - Rhodes Park – APPROVAL of public art designs
 - Multi-modal Center (Main Street Station) – APPROVAL of mural art design
 - NRG moveable art project – APPROVAL of design
 - Fire Stations 4 and 8 – APPROVAL of designs
 - Whittier Fence Project – APPROVAL of designs
 - Traffic Box fabrication – Status update
 - Cultural Assets (Olson) – Update: Conservation for FY16
 - History Programs (Burns) – Update: *Boise: An Illustrated History*, Vista Energize project
- IV. Hot Topics – Creative Vitality Suite
- V. New Business
- VI. Adjourn meeting

Meeting Schedule for 2016 – All meetings on the first Wednesday of the scheduled month from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm in the Tablerock Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall:

February 3
April 6
June 1
August 3
October 5
December 7

A&H Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2015

Members Present:

Dede Ryan

Jodi Ochoa

Kay Hardy

Hannah H.

David Hale

Members Absent/Excused:

Eve Chandler

Eduardo Canales

Council Liaison:

Ben Quintana

Staff Present:

Terri Schorzman

Karen Bubb

Amy Fackler

Rachel Reichert

Brandi Burns

Karl LeClair

Kelsey Green

Elizabeth Koekeritz, attorney

Call to order: Alecia Baker, commission chair, called meeting to order 11:00 am

First order of Business: Goodbyes to Kay Hardy and David Hale. Hardy will be leaving the commission to serve as the chair of the Chairperson for the Idaho Commission on the Arts. Hale will be leaving the commission after 8 years and will continue his real estate development business. Mayor Bieter stopped by the meeting to thank Hardy and Hale for their dedicated years of service to the A&H/City of Boise.

Motion: Baker moved to approve minutes from October. Motion carried.

Reports:

Director (Terri Schorzman): Schorzman introduced a slideshow recapping “A&H year in Review” (prepared by Kelsey Green) and reported on the first training session for the new Arts and History Advisory Team (AHAT). She also noted that A&H will establish a “dedicated gift fund” to house private funding for department initiatives such as James Castle Home Site.

Cultural Programs, Amy Fackler: Fackler updated grant recipient event calendar and noted that grant recipients will be the focus of our 2016 video series. Also, along with the History team, she began

the process to evaluate resources for the archive. She encouraged commissioners to attend the grant events and prepare an evaluation.

Community Engagement, Rachel Reichert: Reichert reported that the James Castle Home Site tour was created by the Boise Virtual reality project and will be updated throughout the restoration process, presentation of site plan and layout. The new A&H website is still in process and should be in a beta version by the next meeting.

City Council member Ben Quintana added that it is important to include LIV and the city's missions and values into the new design of the site to ensure that all of those components are integrated.

Report, Karen Bubb: Bubb provided an overview of the initial stages of Rhodes Skate park public art project.

Report, Josh Olson: Olson noted that 2015 was a busy year for maintenance and conservation, particularly with the huge commitment to the River Sculpture renovation. A potential area of worry is the deterioration of the Basque Mural. Quintana suggested looking for fundraising options if necessary to restore the mural.

Baker raised a question about the status of the mosaic animals at the zoo. Olson replied that they are fine and will be reinstalled soon.

Report, Brandy Burns: The Fettuccinne Forum will resume in February; the Boise history book is still in progress. Burn provided an update on the Oral History Project and noted that the Broadway Bridge (historic mitigation) project is underway.

Baker asked when the Cultural Plan will be ready. Bubb replied that he Cultural Plan will be ready for review by the end of the month – or a bit later.

Baker requested that another commission member volunteer to chair the next meeting.

Quintana shared good news that he will miss the next meeting due to the birth of his first son; he also apologized for not being able to make it to all of the commission meetings but is grateful for the opportunity to be the council liaison to the commission. Baker thanked Quintana for the time he can give to attending commission meetings.

Baker moved to adjourn. Motion Carried

MEMO

February 3, 2016

TO: Mayor Bieter, Jade Riley, Ben Quintana and Arts & History Commissioners

FR: Terri Schorzman

RE: December 2015 - January 2016

Administration

- Trained on the Creative Vitality Suite data
- DISC assessment with A&H staff and HR facilitator
- Met with new BCT managing director twice
- Staff, commissioner, and AHAT rep reviewed status of grant program and outlined next steps for potential revisions to the grant program over the next couple of years (and how to better align with national trends in public sector grantmaking)
- Met with D.C. staff from Strategies 360 about short and long-term needs for arts, history, culture in Boise
- Attended several A&H grant-sponsored events: a presentation on early Boise-developer Walter Pierce; a concert with Cuban music; and another LED performance

Projects

- Fine-tuned the Cultural Ambassador program with the city's economic development director and met with current Ambassador to review final report, new MOU
- Attended several public art selection panels
- The Broadway Bridge historic mitigation project –worked with PDS and Parks & Rec (as bridge contractors) to save the historic keystone from the 1956 bridge. The keystone was move to Julia Davis Park and will be sited near the completed bridge with appropriate interpretive signage
- Staff presentations to EMT and Council on the James Castle Project and to EMT regarding the citywide archival assessment

Partnerships

- Met with citizens involved with Native American recognition issues and our interest in developing an interpretive/public art site honoring the original residents of the Boise Valley
- BSU partnerships: attended the bi-monthly University Arts Advancement Team meeting and the Shakespeare Folio project team meeting
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MEMO

February 3, 2016

TO: Mayor Bieter, Ben Quintana, Jade Riley and Arts & History Commissioners

FROM: Amy Fackler

RE: February 2016 Report

SUMMARY

Recent work has concentrated upon the A&H Department grant program, collections planning, and miscellaneous daily activities.

PROJECTS

Grant Program -

- Tracking recipients events and projects
- Invoices, budgeting
- Attending grant-related events
- Planning for FY2017

Archives & Historic Artifacts Collections Planning

- Citywide Survey – Phase II
 - Presentations: EMT, HR Leadership, Sr. Managers, one-on-one meetings
 - Surveys: Records Management Center (Overland site)
 - City departments (13 including A&H)
- Long-term planning and strategies

OTHER

- Editing – blogs, various department materials, other miscellaneous projects
- FY2015 Annual Report – to print appx. January 27
- Shakespeare Folio project – steering committee (BSU Archives lead organization)

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January 26, 2016

TO: Mayor Bieter, Ben Quintana, Jade Riley and Arts & History Commissioners
FROM: Rachel Reichert, Community Relations Manager and James Castle Home Site Manager
RE: December 2015 Report

SUMMARY

This quarter's work has been concentrated on the James Castle Home Site, design projects, and maintaining ongoing communications. Kelsey Green is being trained as A&H's new communications support team member.

PROJECTS

JAMES CASTLE HOME SITE (JCHS)

- Completed budget
- Working with designer to finalize site plans
- Working on the master plan
- Working with City of Boise's purchasing staff on drafting contracts
- Developing communications plan for JCHS, now and future
- Presented to Mayor and Council early January on the full program
- Offered stakeholder site tours

DESIGN PROJECTS

- James Castle Home Site- *in progress*
- Public Art Brochures- *in progress*
- New A&H Website- *moving into the coding phase, designs completed*
- Cultural Ambassador Logo/ Branding- *in progress*
- Annual Report- *in progress*
- Broadway Bridge History Signs- *in process*
- Cultural Plan Report- *in process*
- NEW A&H video series- *in process*

ON GOING

- Maintain social sites
- Update website
- Manage blog content
- Develop and distribute PR and electronic newsletter

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TO: Mayor Bieter, Ben Quintana, Jade Riley and Arts & History Commissioners

FROM: Karen Bubb

RE: Public Art Program

REVIEW & COMMENT/REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

- **Rhodes Skate Park Upgrade and Proposed Public Art:** Six artists working on art designs: Perri Howard, Stephanie Inman, Sector Seventeen, Reham Aarti, Anna Webb, and Trademark. Proposals for review.
- **Valley Regional Transit Center's Multi-Modal Center:** Amy Chang design for entryway for consideration. Contracts underway for 5 projects (Stephanie Inman, John Francis).
- **Whittier Elementary Artful Fence:** \$38,000, design phase, Dennis & Margo Proksa designs for consideration.
- **Two New Fire Stations:** Byron Folwell and the team of Dixon/Baltes/McCall have design proposals completed.
- **NRG:** Movable Art Project for neighborhood association. Ken McCall has completed designs for the project.

NEW ACTIVITY

- **Transit Shelters for Vista Neighborhood/VRT partnership:** Call in preparation for artist design of vinyl for five transit shelters. (Karl managing)
- **Linen District Fence:** Two artists selected: Sarah Davies 2016 and April VanDeGrift 2017 (Karl managing)
- **Public Art Academy:** Seventeen artists. Classes run Tuesdays in February and March. At Trailhead.
- **De-accessions:** Wheels by Ward Hooper & Little Free Library by Veiko Valencia de-accessioned by City Council.
- **Boise WaterShed:** Byron Folwell, Matt Grover, Reham Aarti, and Michael Anderson designs approved by Boise City Council. Dan Snow project will not move forward.
- **Traffic Box Art Wraps 2015:** Three fabricators selected. Trademark (Boise), Signs 2U (Boise), and Traffic Wrapz (Florida). Moving forward with 4 projects each. Projects from last year will be completed in the Spring.
- **Idaho Transportation Department:** Matt Grover working on a project to sculpt two cottonwood leaves for Broadway freeway bridge abutment. (Karl managing)
- **2016 Neighborhood Reinvestment Grants** Under consideration.

IN PLANNING STAGES

- **Temporary public art project** as part of the James Castle Home Site

WORKS IN ACTIVE DESIGN/FABRICATION

- **Temporary public art:** Three teams from the Public Art Academy class working on projects. The first will be completed on the Record Exchange as part of TreeFort. (Karl managing)
- **Library! At Bown Crossing:** \$60,000 Janet Zweig of Brooklyn selected by the panel. Project in design.
- **Public Works/Boise WaterShed:** Amy Westover working on the design team.
- **Boise City Hall Public Art on the Plaza:** \$200,000 CTA Studio & Ecosystem Science design initiated.
- **Public Works/BSU Geothermal Theme:** \$25,000 – PW & BSU are partnering to create an artwork on BSU campus that celebrates geothermal water at BSU. Leslie Dixon and Ken McCall fabricating.
- **Little Free Libraries:** \$3,000, 1 team, Marsters/Armstrong, working on finishing "Little Free Library."
- **Whitewater Boulevard Roundabout Art:** \$30,000. Mayor's Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant Program, Dirk Anderson, selected and working on fabrication of sculpture.
- **Boise Cultural Plan:** Amanda Ashley is reviewing and editing the plan prior to providing it to readers for review.

OTHER - INFORMATIONAL REVIEW

- **Public Art Network:** Bubb attended a board meeting in Los Angeles for PAN, also meeting with Americans for the Arts leadership board. This summer's conference will be in Boston.

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TO: Mayor Bieter, Ben Quintana, Jade Riley and Arts & History Commissioners

FROM: Joshua Olson

RE: Public Art Program Cultural Asset Management

Emergency Restoration

- Basque History Mural: Oil Pigments have lived beyond their expected lifespan of 10 years. Weather has further deteriorated the surface. Evaluations of Di-bond sign material and cost analysis are underway as discussions on image copyright and ownership are commencing with legal.
- Airport: The lower level terrazzo floor is being reinstalled due to moisture problems. A portion of the floor consists of the public art piece titled Terra Firma. Terra Firma is a 25 foot diameter circular map of Idaho and its contiguous states. Arts and History is working in cooperation with the Boise Airport to ensure color qualities and designs are maintained however key airport staff are managing the over all project.

Corrective Repairs Highlights

- Grove Plaza Redesign: Working with CH2MHill and CCDC to develop strategy for improvements to the plaza as it pertains to existing cultural assets and infrastructure.
 - Portions of Virgo on south spoke of plaza need to be charted (mapped), recorded and removed. A spring reinstall planned after new pavers are installed.
 - Homage to the Pedestrian and Boise Chinatown installations will receive new electrical conduit and panels. Working with Safety/ Risk, Legal and contractor on solutions to easements, insurance and install
- City Hall West/ Police and Fire Relief Sculpture Wall: Extensive cracking and damage due to settling, weather and vibration. Unknown person(s) hastily repaired without knowledge of proper techniques. Plan for restoration is underway.
- Downtown: The Grove Street Illuminated sculpture needs 12 diffuser plates to be fabricated and installed. The interior components will be assessed and cleaned once disassembled. New gaskets will be applied. Aluminum welds will be textured on exterior to mask seams and some minor masonry work will be repaired. Acrylic panels will be assessed and re-slumped where necessary.
- Downtown Linen District: Bike Trio parts and components tuned, cleaned, greased and repaired
- Airport: Moved the Mexican Consulate's gift titled Arbor De La Vida and vitrine out of the way for the Terrazzo Floor contractors at the Boise Airport
- Depot Roundabout: Mosaic roundabout, extensive repairs needed due to aggressive drivers and frost
- Parks:
 1. Broadway Bridge concrete removal team consultation
 2. Julia Davis Memorial pedestal and footing failure. Looking at best practices to remedy multiple issues with improper installation and damaged bronze.
 3. Main Street Parks (managed mow strip): Jesus Uriquidez Spanish Village bronze assessed for corrosion
 4. Cassia Park: 18 foot tall arch being removed, recoated and reinstalled.
 5. Government Island Monument: Idaho shaped sandstone monument restoration; parks contractor removed monument during greenbelt expansion ramp construction. Using this opportunity to restore, strengthen and reinstall.

Research and Trainings:

- Research: Conservation centers policy and plans; conservation techniques trainings; Emergency Preparedness for heritage sites and cultural assets
- Boise State University Extended Studies Program: Project Management Certificate Program
- Procurement Tools for Ensuring Contractors Performance on Public Construction Projects/ Institute on Public Procurement/ NIGP
- Scaffold and Fall Protection Training: Follow up with HR safety Staff
- City Hall Employee Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation Training- City of Boise
- Hazard Communication - City of Boise

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January 22, 2016

TO: Mayor Bieter, Ben Quintana, Jade Riley and Arts & History Commissioners

FROM: Brandi Burns

RE: A&H History Report

SUMMARY

The History Division has prepared several projects involving additional oral histories, preparing and hosting the 2015-2016 Fettuccine Forum, and participating in the Vista Neighborhood project. The division has also been answering research requests and making progress on editing *Boise: An Illustrated History*. In addition to this the history division has been managing the Section 106 mitigation work for the Broadway Bridge

CURRENT & PAST PROJECTS

- Research requests from the public and internally
- Oral Histories—completed an interview with the Otto family; next interviews will be in Vista
- Display cabinet exhibit preparation—current exhibit is about Extraordinary women in Idaho
- *Boise: An Illustrated History* editing
- Broadway Bridge Mitigation—report will be finished by the end of the month; an editor and sign maker will be hired
- Saved a date parapet from the Broadway Bridge for incorporation into the Broadway Bridge interpretive signs

ONGOING AND FUTURE PROJECTS

- February Fettuccine Forum: Thursday, 4, 2016
- RootsTech 2016—we will be leading a workshop at the conference, Feb 2-6
- “Genealogy 101” presentation at Hidden Springs Library, Saturday, February 20, 2016, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
- Oral Histories in the Vista Neighborhood
- Cultural oral histories
- Processing archival collections
- Transcribing oral histories
- NRG project review and management for projects involving history