5:30 Call to Order – John Sahlberg, vice-chair

5:45 Approve Minutes of June 8, 2011 commission meeting
   Director’s report – T. Schorzman
     • Mayor’s Awards
     • National Art Program/Employee Art Show
     • Grants

6:00 Hot Topics – Boise 150 plan update

6:20 Reports
   Visual Arts Advisory Committee, J. Lloyd
     • Traffic Box designs -- approval
     • Add new artist to traffic box registry -- approval
     • D. Carver plan for the plan for Spanish Village
   Cultural Programs update, A. Fackler
   History Committee, E. Chandler
     • 120th Anniversary of the streetcar, event on August 13 (tour!)

6:40 New Business, Comments, Announcements, Upcoming Events

7:00 Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings:
   • Executive Committee meeting: July 26, noon
   • Commission meeting: August 30, Foothills Room, City Hall
   • Visual Arts Advisory Committee: July 20, City Hall, 3rd Floor Hearing Room, noon
   • History Committee: July 27, 5:30 – 7:00, TAG

Terri’s cell, 724-6506
Janelle’s cell, 724-6537
Present:
Eve Chandler, History Comm.
Sandy Harthorn
Margaret Hepworth, Exec. Comm
Jane Lloyd, VAAC
Jody Ochoa
John Sahlberg
Stephenson Youngerman

Excused:
David Hale, Chair
Maryanne Jordan, Council Liaison
Pat Riceci, Legal Liaison

Staff:
Terri Schorzman, Director
Karen Bubb, Public Arts Manager
Janelle Wilson, Administration

The meeting called to order at 4:05pm by Hepworth

MEETING MINUTES

May meeting minutes approved by unanimous consent

DIRECTORS REPORT- SCHORZMAN

- Arts & History grant program opens June 15, closes July 29
  - New funding divisions: minor, mid-level, major, and economic development
- Mayors Awards winners announced
  - Awards event Sept. 22 at Old Penitentiary
  - Also celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the Percent for Art program
**Visual Arts Advisory Committee- Bubb**
- Transit bus shelter designs – Phase 1: 6 artists, 8 designs

  Chad Erpelding  
  April VanDeGrift  
  Melissa Chambers & Will Spearman  
  Jennifer Manning-Gilbreath  
  Shantara Sandberg  
  Ben Gin

**Motion:**
Lloyd moved to approve Folwell’s proposal for the Main Street Mural, Harthorn seconded.  
*Motion carried.*

- Traffic box artists and registry:

  Mary Butler  
  Melissa Chambers  
  Lisa Flowers Ross  
  Belinda Isley  
  Laurie Kistner  
  Steve Klamm  
  Kelly Knopp  
  Mike Landa  
  Matt Lawerence  
  Jerry Lisk  
  Ben Love  
  Amy Lunstrom  
  Bryan Moore  
  Brian Schreiner  
  Jany Rae Seda  
  Willow Socia  
  Allison Sweet  
  Rachel Teannalach  
  Tarmo Watia  
  Anna Webb  
  Kurt Zwolfer

  Concept designs will be presented at the next commission meeting

**History Committee- Chandler**
- Interurban Celebration – August 13 @Capital Park
**Cultural programs – Schorzman**

- Economic Impact surveys are almost complete
- Performing Arts for Cultural and Community Celebrations grants have been distributed
- Fall for Boise program is undergoing evaluation and program changes

**News and announcements**

- Idaho State Historical Museum- Cocktails and Couture
- Boise Art Museum- Mike Rathman installation
- National Art Program registration opens soon

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM

Next meeting July 6, 2011
GENERAL
Budget: The budget process continued, with a two-day workshop in late June. Completed grant report for the Idaho Humanities Council, drafted report for Idaho Commission on the Arts (ICA) and continued with research on other grant possibilities. The ICA will provide over $8000 for the next fiscal year.
Personnel/contracts: Contract in place for Joie, an event planning firm that will assist with the Mayor’s Awards.

INTERNAL/ ADMIN/ COMMUNICATIONS
- Curb Cup: Attended a meeting with Mayor’s staff, DBA representative, and Mark Rivers. The City agreed to determine if we could support street closure and Grove rental. Awaiting results of exploratory conversations.
- Central Addition: Met with representatives from the Planning Department, Mayor’s office, and the National Trust regarding opportunities for relocation of at least two historic homes in the Central Addition.
- Joined Karen and VAAC representatives to meet with artists bidding on the Linen District public art project.
- Brandi and I presented findings of the Fire Archives project to the Fire Chief, and determined next steps on project.
- Met with Parks director about historical research project results on South and Lowell pools.
- Met with city team regarding renovation of City Hall Plaza.
- Pushed out information to city staff and management team about Employee Art Show.

COLLABRATION/ OUTREACH
- Attended retirement party for Phil Kushlan, CCDC
- Met with VSA/IPUL director regarding grants, projects and possible collaborations
- Attended webinar with staff from the ICA about arts and the economy

PROJECTS
- Mayor’s Awards – Planning continues.
- Economic Impact Study – completed forms for Department
- Arts & History grants – announced the opening and closing dates for accepting grants and held the first of two grant workshops. Twenty people attended the first. The second will be in early July.

IN THE NEWS
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

Traffic Box Art Artists: A panel selected fourteen artists to design art for traffic boxes. Request approval of artists’ designs.

Traffic Box Registry Addition: Due to an administrative error, Patrick Davis’s artwork was not considered by the panel for the traffic box project or registry. Bubb petitioned VAAC to include his work in the registry and they recommend approval.

Spanish Village Plan: Please see Dwaine Carver’s plan to complete the Spanish Village project. VAAC thought it looked well-done and requested approval.

HIGHLIGHTED UPDATE

Transit Shelter Designs: TO BE COMPLETED BY JULY 6! Six artists have prepared designs for eight transit shelters. Tours of the shelters will be done on First Thursday. See attached news release. Funded by CCDC and Valley Ride Regional. Request approval of VAAC recommendations.

Main Street Mural: COMPLETED! Byron Folwell, “Strata,” a mural featuring sedimentary rock beds and natural geothermal springs of Boise, is in fabrication. $10,000, Percent-for-Art. See news release.

IN PROCESS

Linen District Call: National Call to Artist out. $37,000 budget. Deadline was April 20th. Twenty applications received. Three artists selected as finalists: Joshua Wiener of Boulder, Colorado, Eileen Gay of Sparks, Nevada, Michael Brown & David Cole of San Francisco, California. Finalists visited Boise on a site tour in June. Proposals are due August 15th. One project will be selected.

Public Works Temporary Public Art Projects: Earl Swope’s glass brick project canceled due to ruling by Boise City Ethics Committee that employees cannot receive grant or project funding.

Linen District Fence Project: Boise High School Student. $250, Percent-for-Art contingency.

Percent for Art Projects in Process:

Spanish Village Memorial Plan: Dwaine Carver, $10,000

Hyatt Wetlands Interpretive Signage: Mark Baltes, $10,000

30th Street Branding, Cultural Plan, Initial public artwork: Stephanie Inman, $20,000

Artists-in-Residence: Seven new artists are in residence.


-Matt Laurence’s elephant is completed at Boise WaterShed.

-Dwaine Carver has seeded 11th and Myrtle. Look for native plants to be popping up soon!

-Grant Olsen is almost completed with his constellation fabric mural to be hung on the side of Bar G.

-John Yarnell has started a blog about his project. Go to it at: http://lookecoart.blogspot.com/

-The Land Trust held a competition for students to do films about Water. Five were completed. Three won prizes. All were featured at film screening on April 23rd.

Parks: Wind Art Project: Waiting for Bloch Foundation approval of Mark Baltes design

Ten Year Anniversary of Percent-For-art Ordinance: To be featured at Mayor’s Arts Awards.

Boise Visual Chronicle: New commissions by Sue Latta, Larinda Meinburg and Lyndsey Loch are completed and are being framed. Installation in July.

Contract Staff: Amy Pence Brown: Amy is working on getting signage installed, assisting with grant writing, presentations, and other duties as assigned.
HIGHLIGHTED UPDATE

We have made incredible progress this spring and early summer inspecting, cleaning and repairing the public art collection. To do this, full time staff temporarily canceled public art tours, web posts and other resource development to focus on maintenance. In addition, the Main street mural responsibilities have been adopted by the Public Art Project Manager Karen Bubb.

To help matters, the Dept of Arts and History applied for an internship through Human Resources. The position was approved and Sara Smart filled the spot and started work on May 25th. She was a recommendation from Boise State University Sculpture professor Francis Fox. Sara is a senior at B.S.U majoring in sculpture and Biology. She has a broad knowledge of standard mediums and some non-typical materials. She quickly picked up and accommodated to the processes involved in working with a range of businesses and departments. Her initiative and thoroughness are strong assets. We applied for an extension and Sara will continue to work with us for an additional 6 weeks.

Completed

Inspections and Cleanings
From May 25th until June 29th, 2011
Forty Eight pieces have been inspected and cleaned, with forty six pieces being digitally cataloged with detailed reports and photographs indicating condition and order of prioritization for further work.

Corrective Maintenance
Sixteen pieces have been treated for minor graffiti, while twenty four pieces have received more extensive corrective maintenance.
Those twenty four pieces include
Twelve Traffic Boxes in various locations; Big Fun at Helen B Lowder Park; Field Markers at Optimist Park; Bagley Park Mural; Point of Origin at Julia Davis Park; Les Boise located on Idaho Street Parking Garage; Great Blues located on Grove Plaza; Pedals to Pages and Read and Ride; Boise Chinatown; S.S. Victory Plaque restoration; Laiiak at Basque Block; Portal in Bodo; Boise Totems on 8th; Bus Shelters by BSU;

NOTE: Great Blues Sculpture and River Sculpture
Special thanks to Scott Canning, Adan Jones and his crew in Government Buildings. They have been extremely helpful in the restoration process of Great Blues and consulting for River Sculptures. They have taken the brunt of the responsibility for restoration of Great Blues and have completed the following: New PVC fittings, drainage cages and filter. Three hours a week of staff time flushing systems, cleaning catchments and applying chlorine tablets. Thank you!

IN PROCESS

River Sculpture: Temporarily Out of Order
Identified problems with water filtration system and have canceled and removed that system; Fogging system and line cleaning; testing new cleansing products for blue surface; investigating drainage route, interviewing cleaning teams.

Water Truck Rental for the washing of downtown and parks pieces (estimated 13 pieces on route)
Gone Native located at Warm Springs Golf Course: Mosaic tile repair,
Point of Origin: Rust removal, steel repair and resurfacing (painting)
Spring Run located at Plaza 121: Bear Heads removed and shipped to Walla Walla Foundry in Washington. There the work will receive a thorough cleaning, patina, rust abatement and waxing in progress. Due home in 4 weeks for staff re-installation

Homage to the Pedestrian located at the Grove: Musical instrument repair

Grove St Illuminated: Scratched Aluminum repair, electrical line replacement

**Ten Year Anniversary of Percent-For-art Ordinance:** In March 2011 A & H celebrates the ten yr anniversary of the Percent-for-Art program. Ten Boise public artists will be participating in the Mayors Arts Awards, setting up displays of their work and meeting and greeting guests

**Boise Visual Chronicle:** New commissions by Sue Latta, Larinda Meinburg and Lyndsey Loch due to be installed

**Contract Staff:** Amy Pence Brown is being directed for various services

Mayor’s awards; BVC install; signage
SUMMARY
RE-ART, Arts & Culture at the Depot, Boise 150, Local Arts Index, E-Newsletter, PACC Grant program, Cultural Resource Guide, Boise Celebrates Good Neighbors, Workshops

CURRENT PROJECTS/ EVENTS
RE-ART (Arts for Kids) – Planning the 2011-2012 season, which will include two extra months. The season will start September 2011 (instead of November) and run through May 2012.


The artist who regularly set up at the Depot during public hours is not continuing. This came as a result of the sales issues. We cannot allow sales on the property unless we get liability insurance, workers’ comp waivers, go through vendor licensing processes, and other formalities we have yet to still identify. Since the intent was not for the program to be a market type of situation we did not pursue fulfilling all of these requirements.

The ideal situation is for a group such as the Boise Architecture Project to display student photographs at the Depot as understandably artists who take the time to set up there would like to be able to sell something should the opportunity present itself. So the program remains a work in progress!

Boise 150 – Working with Terri, Brandi Burns, History Committee, and consultant to develop a solid strategy for the 2013 Sesquicentennial.

Local Arts Index (LAI) – Attended the LAI pre-sessions prior to the Americans for the Arts annual conference in mid-June in San Diego. Met many other participants and discussed as a group our experiences and timelines of when we will get summary information. It looks like we will be ready to release information by the end of the 2011 calendar year. The LAI organizers have collected a great deal of secondary data (such as census information, number of entries on historic register, IRS data, etc.). It will be up to us how we want to use & interpret all the data once we receive it, which they hope will be at the end of September or October.

E-Newsletter – We are currently updating our communications strategy to streamline e-notifications.

Performing Arts for Cultural & Community Celebrations (PACC) grant program
Projects that have received the first payment of 90% of the grant awards include:

- Boise Music Week
- Boise Bicycle Brigade – Inaugural Poster Party (June 17)
- Boise Rec Fest (June 25 & 26)
• Go Listen Boise - Local Band Alive After Five opening performances (June 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29)
• Global Lounge Group – International Night (August 27, Boise Downtown YMCA)
• POST – Music and performance exploring the effects of Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome (Sept. 1, Idaho Historical Society)

Remaining projects to process include: Jazz on the Grove; Collister Elementary 100-Year Anniversary Kick-Off; Live music at Heron Hollow Neighborhood National Night Out;

**Cultural Resource Guide** – Working hard on this! We will have a printed year-round guide of cultural organizations & groups, online format of the guide, and a phone app or mobile website. We’ve been meeting with some technical gurus regarding the best strategy regarding a phone app or mobile website. It turns out, there is no easy answer!

**Boise Celebrates Good Neighbors** – Working with the Mayor’s Office, Police, Parks & Rec, Planning & Development, and Libraries to try and have a synthesized good neighbor program in August – September. This is a result of initially trying to figure out ways to build neighborhood communities by seeing if other departments would like to work on doing something for “National Good Neighbor Day” which is September 28.

As I found out more about what other departments were doing, there were some natural fits – such as Police’s Neighborhood Watch program that promotes the “National Night Out” program on August 2. In talking with Charlene Miller (Neighborhood Watch Manager), I found out she started a program last year in which residents who were having Neighborhood Watch parties could nominate a good neighbor for recognition. We worked together to expand this program this year and allow all resident the opportunity to nominate a good neighbor. All those nominated will be recognized by Mayor Bieter at a reception at the Boise Public Library on September 28.

So this and other relationships evolved & solidified… perhaps next year more departments can become part of it.

For more information about Boise Celebrates Good Neighbors, visit: [http://goodneighbors.cityofboise.org/](http://goodneighbors.cityofboise.org/)

**Workshops** – Working on an outline of workshops for Fall 2011 – staring in October.

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**FUTURE PROJECTS/ EVENTS**

**ATTACHMENTS**
MEMO
TO: Mayor Bieter, Councilmember Elaine Clegg, Jade Riley & Arts & History Commissioners
FROM: Brandi Burns
RE: History Report

SUMMARY
The next month will not have as many projects as I worked on as compared to this month. This is because I will need most of my time to apply for two large grants that will be due in August.

CURRENT & PAST PROJECTS/ EVENTS
Two presentations for BSU students on the nature of Public History & Public Historians
Meetings about Sesquicentennial and provided comments for draft plan
Oral History with Judge Wetherell
Meeting with Fire Department: Recommendations from TAG, updates on fire history book, and picked oral histories to be transcribed
Attended “Memories of Boise” at the Depot, gathered participants for our places and spaces oral history project
Coordinated with oral history volunteers on spaces and places project
Trainings
Prep for applying for a NEH Implementation Grant
History Committee Meeting
Research Requests

FUTURE PROJECTS/ EVENTS
Marge Ewing interview is being transcribed by a volunteer
Public Art & Local History presentation at the Ustick Library
Applying for the NEH Implementation Grant
Applying for the NHPRC Access to Historical Records Grant

ATTACHMENTS