

Vision: To forge bold partnerships that energize the artistic and historical life of the city, making art and history in all their variations integral parts of our everyday experience and vivid expressions of our diversity, our depth, and our dreams

Department of Arts & History

Commission Meeting

Wednesday, January 6, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Foothills Room, Boise City Hall



Arts & History

AGENDA

- 5:30 Call to Order** – M. Hepworth, chair
Approve Minutes of December 2, 2009
Executive Committee report, M. Hepworth
Director's report – Terri Schorzman
- 5:35 2010 Executive Committee nominees**
- Report from Nominating Committee – N. Lemas
 - Approve slate of nominees
- 6:00 Hot Topics**
- Percent for Art – ordinance, philosophy, allocation
 - City Arts & History grant fund
 - Department support
 - Other
 - Funding long-term – idea of endowment
- 6:45 Reports**
- Visual Arts Advisory Committee, John Sahlberg
 - History Committee, Suzanne Gore
 - Cultural Programs Committee, Stephenson Youngerman
- 6:55 New Business, Comments, Announcements, Upcoming Events**
- 7:00 Adjourn**

Upcoming Meetings:

- Executive Committee meeting: Tuesday, January 26, 2010, noon, A&H
- Commission meeting: Wednesday, February 3, 2010
- Cultural Programs Committee: Wednesday, January 20, 2010, noon
- Visual Arts Advisory Committee: Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 3:00
- History Committee: Wednesday, January 27, 2010

*Terri's cell, 724-6506
Janelle's cell, 724-6537*



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 2, 2009
Willows Room, Boise Centre

Present

Elaine Clegg, Council Liaison
Carl Daugenti, Exec. Comm.
Suzanne Gore, History Comm.
David Hale, Exec. Comm.
Margaret Hepworth, Chair
Nancy Lemas
Jane Lloyd, Exec. Comm.
Rae Lloyd-Lever, Youth Comm.
Pat Riceci, Legal Liaison
John Sahlberg, VAAC
Richard Young
Stephenson Youngerman, CPC

Excused:

Marianne Flagg
Sandy Harthorn

Staff:

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

Guests:

Mark Baltes, History Committee

Welcome to the Boise Centre by Stephenson Youngerman.

The meeting called to order by Hepworth at 5:55pm

MEETING MINUTES

Motion:

Sahlberg moved to approve the November meeting minutes, Young seconded.

Motion carried.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner re-appointments approved by Mayor Bieter for 2010:

Suzanne Gore
David Hale
Jane Lloyd
John Sahlberg
Richard Young

Marianne Flagg has resigned from the commission and the nominations for the open position are under review.

Motion:

Lemas moved to accept the Mayor's letter of re-appointment to the agenda as the information was not received until the day of the meeting (12/2/09).

Youngerman seconded.

Motion carried.

DIRECTOR REPORT- SCHORZMAN

- Thanks for an amazing year!
- We did not receive the Kresge grant or Idaho State Historical Society grant, but received positive feedback and are encouraged to apply again in the future.
- Arts For Kids donation of \$2500 received from Office Max
- New BSU history intern- Neil Luther
- Looking for another BSU intern to assist with a Parks history project
- Culture Café resulted in the formation of the Treasure Valley Arts Alliance- the group is growing and developing and continues to meet
- Daugenti and Schorzman have been meeting with Anchor organizations to discuss funding changes, commitment to continued support with these organizations through the changes to the grant strategies. The city office of Internal Audit will report an assessment of the total contribution of the city to arts and culture support.
- Schorzman continues community outreach: Attended Ada County Historic Preservation Council and Boise Historic Preservation Commission meetings; Taught a class on oral history for the Idaho State Historical Society.
- Bubb and Schorzman presented the public art report and ordinance updates to city council. The need for more funding for the arts was discussed and a strategic planning session will be held in the near future. Commissioners are encouraged to submit information that will assist council in this planning. There is a possibility of an endowment or other type of fund being set up for the department.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE- HEPWORTH

The committee reviewed reports on FY2009 and discussed plans for next year.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2009

Slideshow presentation of photos from the year. Complete recap of 2009 achievements included in December board packet.

PLANNING FOR 2010

- Budget concerns and limitations; facing additional holdbacks from the city; CCDC is reducing funding to the department over this year and next

- Money raised from Mayor's Awards auction will be used to develop communication and marketing for the department
- Continue to expand and redesign Cultural Programs division
- We are still in need of a historian staff position; continue to develop the history programs; James Castle cottage project, Inter-urban trolley line
- Continue creating and maintaining partnerships with the community
- Expand public art education and outreach
- Act as advocated for arts and history in Boise

VISUAL ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE- SAHLBERG

- Detailed report included in board packet.
- Artist in Residence program continues- 7 new artists start their 3 month residencies in December at three locations.

HISTORY REPORT- GORE

- The James Castle cottage preservation project is underway. Jacquie Crist will be presenting information on the project in January.
- Depot Day 2010 planning is in progress. Any assistance is appreciated!

CULTURAL PROGRAMS- FACKLER

- Detailed report included in board packet.
- The Arts For Kids expansion partnership with Treasure Valley Institute for Children's Arts (TriCA) is off to a successful start. A complete listing of scheduled programs can be found on our website.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:18PM

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING: JANUARY 6, 5:30-7:00PM, CITY HALL.

January 2010



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

FROM: Terri Schorzman, Department Director

RE: Monthly Report - *December activities 2009*

General Budget/Funding

Department Budget: Staff identified potential funds that may be returned to City general fund to balance the budget for FY10.

Grants: We are preparing grant requests to the Idaho Humanities Council for two projects - the Mayor/Council oral history project and the Fettucine Forum. These are due in mid-January. Also, we are reviewing additional opportunities for grants.

Percent for Art: There is an on-going discussion about the accumulation of percent for art funds from capital projects and the best expenditure during a fiscal year. This will be on the Mayor/City Council strategic planning session in January.

Staffing: We met with Parks & Recreation about the Jensen Park and its historic resources. To help them identify and catalog the collection of historic documents and ephemera, we requested and received a new graduate student-intern from the Boise State history department. The intern, Stephanie Milne, will begin in January and will work under our supervision

Internal/Admin/Communications

- The Mayor approved the reappointment of commissioners whose terms expired. We have one opening, however. Maryanne Flagg resigned at the end of December. Mayor Bieter will replace the position with a new appointment in January. Nancy Lemas and I are working on a slate of executive committee officers to be presented at the January meeting for approval.
- We attended a Webinar at CCDC from the "Live First, Work Second" organization, which explores the seven factors of city livability. Much of this included the creative economy, "stroll districts," and the concept of localization.
- We are learning more about On-Base (software system) and records retention. This is a significant long-term requirement, of which we're just beginning to explore.

Sample of Projects:

- Arts for Kids at the Pioneer Neighborhood Community Center. Amy contacted AFK teachers and has arranged to have one activity per weekday from the end of December through April 1. This is for arts activities for homeless children. We have applied for funding from DL Evans Bank for support and will identify another possible source.
- Joshua's ABC Art book is hot off the press, to great accolades!

Collaboration and Outreach

A sample of collaborative meetings and general outreach:

(Treasure Valley) Visual Artist Association (in development) - We held a third meeting for visual artists interested in forming a coalition/association. Fifty showed up with several more asking to be included in planning. This is becoming a very active group.

Trey McIntyre Project - I was invited to attend a “behind the scenes” event to watch Trey McIntyre choreograph a new piece for the February show. Quite an amazing process!

National Trust - The director of the Western Region Office of the National Trust was in town for a couple of days. She joined me - along with PDS planners and the director, representatives from the Ada County Historic Preservation Commission, Preservation Idaho, and the regional program officer for the National Trust - for a meeting to review preservation issues in the city and region, to share information about the regional preservation meeting in May, which will be held in Boise and Sun Valley, and to provide input and consultation on a potentially sticky building/planning/preservation issue.

Anchor organization outreach - Carl and I began meeting with directors of several anchor organizations about the shift in our funding program. We met with BCT and Ballet Idaho, and will meet with the Philharmonic, ISF, and Opera Idaho in early December, and the Basque Museum, Idaho Dance Theater, and TrICA later in the month. This has been very beneficial to open and further discussion about the City’s long-term commitment to the City Arts & History grant program.

Global War on Terror memorial - In conjunction with and support from a member of the Visual Art Advisory Committee ~ who is also the president of the Parks & Recreation Commission ~ we participated in a joint meeting with people representing the memorial and with representatives of the preservation and planning community to learn more about memorial design and site location. The meeting was respectful and thoughtful and we will be asked for further input on the design of the memorial. Final placement has been decided and the memorial committee is not interested in reviewing previously recommended sites.

Mayors Summer Book Club - Amy and I were invited to attend a meeting in the Mayor’s office, along with representatives from the Library, the Cabin, the Literacy Lab, and Parks & Rec, about a proposed new reading program for youth. It had great support from the group and they are interested in using Josh’s new ABC Art book in the program.

Capital City Development Corporation - Brandi and I met with staff at CCDC to share with them her proposed project for her masters degree, which focuses on a area within CCDC’s boundaries. They are thrilled with the opportunity and offered her use of their historic documents and images. We anticipate this will help with documenting their 50th anniversary in the next couple of years.

In the News

Erin Ryan is writing a story for the *Boise Journal* titled, “Civic Canvas: The Art of City Planning”; it will be on stands in January. Much of it is focused on the Department and public art. She interviewed me, Amy, and Karen; Josh provided photos and input.

Visual Arts Report

Prepared by Karen Bubb
Public Arts Manager

December 2009

Rick Friesen bus mural



APPROVAL VOTES

Artwork Donation of Depot Painting:

A private couple would like to donate a painting of the Boise Depot. VAAC recommends approval of donation into portable collection (not BVC) with first right of installation to Parks Department for their offices or the Boise Depot. Painting will be brought to meeting.

Artwork Donation of Painting from old Carnegie Library:

A private couple would like to donate a painting that used to hang in the Carnegie Library in the Children's section of Cinderella. VAAC recommends approval of donation into portable collection (not BVC) with first right of installation to Library. Painting or image of painting will be brought to meeting.

PARTNERSHIPS

8th Street Artist-in-Residence:

Seven new artists are in residence started in December at 8th Street Marketplace, Renewal, and the Alaska Building at 1020 Main Street. Studios are open to the public on First Thursdays. Sue Latta (sculptor), Lisa Bufano (dancer), Erik Sande (painter), Ted Apel (sound artist), Kristy Albrecht (painter), Jess Sanden (painter), Kate Masterson (painter). A new call to artist and a panel featuring past artists will be featured in January, dates to be determined.

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS IN FABRICATION TO BE COMPLETED IN 2009/2010:

Marcus Pierce Design for Mural for Morley Nelson Community Center \$13,000

As artist on contract Marcus Pierce was asked to do a design for a mural at Morley Nelson Community Center, a joint project with the Boise School District.

Reham Jacobsen mosaic play structure for Peppermint Park

Reham fabrication completed. Signage installation and final cleaning will be conducted in the Spring.

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

Ben Love Play Equipment for Helen B. Lowder Park

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. See Benjamin Love's attached design revisions. The final work will be owned and maintained by the City of Boise. Final site at park to be determined with design staff.

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

Mark Manwaring has been commissioned to do six artworks for City Hall West. The works for the Sawtooth conference room (3 Sawtooth Mountain paintings) have been installed and look great. He also completed one landscape for the quiet room. Two works for the mail lobby are still in process. \$10,950.

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 a sign, porcelain enamel on steel)
- 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)

OTHER PROJECTS, PROPOSALS COMPLETED, APPROVALS UNDERWAY

Fountain Art Donation Request for Julia Davis Park – Project Pending

Idaho Power would like to donate a Mark Statz sculpture to Boise City to be sited in the lagoon in Julia Davis Park on the South side. The artwork will be sited in relationship to the Cancer Survivor plaza. It will aerate the water in the pond and provide a strong visual image. There is no cost to the City. The Julia Davis Committee will raise necessary funds for installation and Parks will maintain.

Lincoln Sculpture Donation Request - Pending

On October 15th the Parks and Recreation Commission will consider the project and an alternate location next to the Idaho State Historical Museum in Julia Davis Park.

PROJECTS STILL IN FORMATION

Parks & Recreation

Marianne Williams Park: *no artist assigned yet* \$52,500
 Julia Davis Art (Pavilion Art – on previous contract with *Day Christenson*): \$47,800
 Hobble Creek Park: *Amber Conger, proposal design* \$20,000
 Tree Identification Project: at Ann Morrison Park & Julia Davis Park:
 Noel Weber – not yet initiated \$24,500
 Idaho Ice World: *Artist TBD– not yet initiated* \$19,500

OTHER ARTS/CULTURE/EDUCATION ACTIVITY FOR BUBB

December 4-8	San Francisco - saw Jewish Contemporary Art Museum, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Craft Museum, and the Exploratorium.
December 18-20	Jackson Hole Wyoming – saw the Dancer’s Workshop perform Alice in Wonderland and am collaborating with company on visual arts project to be determined
December 21-Jan 1	New York City – went to many theater events, art museums and cultural events