



## DEPARTMENT OF ARTS & HISTORY

MAYOR: Lauren McLean | DIRECTOR: Terri Schorzman

# Agenda

Arts & History Commission  
Boise Department of Arts & History

Wednesday, February 5, 2020  
4.30 – 6.00 pm  
Tablerock Room, Boise City Hall

- I. Call to Order – Jody Ochoa, Chair
  - a. Review and Approve Minutes of December 4, 2019
  - b. Review and Approve Minutes of January 15, 2020
  
- II. Presentations/Updates/Approvals
  - a. Update: Findings from Communications/survey (Yribar)
  - b. Approve:
    - i. Women's Suffrage public art (LeClair)
    - ii. Purchase for James Castle House Collection
  - c. Update: Westside Park and visit from Matthew Mazotta (LeClair)
  
- III. New Business
  
- IV. Adjourn meeting



## DEPARTMENT OF ARTS & HISTORY

MAYOR: David H. Bieter | DIRECTOR: Terri Schorzman

### A&H Commission

Boise Department of Arts & History  
Minutes-Wednesday, December 4, 2019  
3:30 – 5:00 PM, James Castle House, 5015 Eugene Street

**Commissioners Present:** Jody Ochoa, Alecia Baker, Alan Heathcock, Jessica Flynn, John Hand, Rawaa Mahdi (student), Annoushka Anaidu (student)

**Council liaison:** Lisa Sánchez; **Legal liaison:** Mary Grant

**Staff Present:** Terri Schorzman, Jennifer Yribar, Jenessa Hansen-Evans, Karl LeClair, Brandi Burns, Josh Olson, Kristen Hill, Rachel Reichert, Makenzi Dunstan, Cody Riddle (PDS), Mark Lavin (PDS), Daren Fluke (PDS)

I. Call to Order – Jody Ochoa, Chair

Chairman Jody Ochoa calls the meeting to order 3:40 pm.

a. Review and Approve Minutes of October 3, 2019

Commissioner Alecia Baker makes a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner John Hand second, motion unanimously approved.

II. Demolition Review – guest, Cody Riddle (Planning and Development Services)

Deputy Planning Director Daren Fluke and Cody Riddle presented the demolition policy to A&H Commission. Fluke shared information on city growth and the challenges the city may face in the future. General discussion...

III. Presentations/Updates/Approvals

a. Update: Findings from Communications/survey (Yribar)

Outreach and Education Coordinator, Jennifer Yribar updated A&H Commissioners on the 2019 Cultural Survey. The open community survey is now open for the public to participate in. General discussion...

b. Approve: Depot Bench artist recommendation; Treefort artist selection Westside; artist selection (LeClair)

Public Art Manager Karl LeClair presents all three Public Art Projects: Depot Bench, Treefort and Westside Park. LeClair shares the recommendations from the committee selection panels for all three projects. General discussion...

Commissioner Jessica Flynn approves all three projects: Depot Bench, Treefort and Westside Park as presented. Commissioner Rawaa Mahdi seconds. Motion Unanimously approved.

c. Update: Central Addition input; Vista Median (LeClair)

Leclair shares updates on the Vista Median Public Art project and the Central Addition Festival Block. He talks on public input, fabrications and installation. General discussion...

IV. New Business

V. Adjourn meeting

Commissioner Alan Heathcock makes a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Flynn seconds. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned 5:06 pm.





A&H Commission Workshop  
Boise Department of Arts & History  
Minutes-Wednesday, January 15, 2020  
3:30 – 5:00 PM, Tablerock Room, 3rd Floor, Boise City Hall

**Commissioners Present:** Jody Ochoa, Alecia Baker, Alan Heathcock, Jessica Flynn, John Hand, Rawaa Mahdi (student), Annoushka Anaidu (student)

**Legal liaison:** Rob Lockward and Mike Fondino

**Staff Present:** Terri Schorzman, Jenessa Hansen-Evans,

- I. Call to Order – Jody Ochoa, Chair  
Chairman Jody Ochoa calls the meeting to order at 3:34 pm.
- II. Organization  
A&H Commissioners discuss next steps for the commission. Goals and direction for the commission. General discussion...
- III. Adjourn meeting  
Commissioner Dede Ryan makes a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jessica Flynn seconds. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourn 4:41 pm.



February 5, 2020

**To:** Mayor McLean, Jade Riley, Council member Lisa Sanchez, Arts & History Commissioners

**From:** Terri Schorzman

**RE:** Activities: December 2019 – January 2020

*General highlights*

- On-going and special meetings: Attended several panel meetings for artist selection; more work on Hayman House project; more work on 19<sup>th</sup> amendment anniversary – including helping with its “soft launch” on January 12 at the open house for Mayor McLean and launched opening of the exhibit on 1/29; attended retirement party for Kevin Booe; began meetings with directors of cultural organizations – meeting with thirteen groups in December and January (several more are slated for February); met with a group working on a special exhibit to accompany a play at BCT this spring; worked with staff on general update for Creative Vitality Index and looked at ways to present it to cultural orgs; held special commission meeting/workshop regarding “roles and responsibilities” for next few years; met candidates for ED position at Boise Philharmonic.
- Budget: Prepared/submitted one-page annual application form for our Idaho Commission on the Arts grant; regular check-in with finance/budget team and preliminary work on budget development for FY21.
- Citywide: Attended city leadership meeting/introduction of Mayor McLean; attended a couple of presentations on OneDrive and Teams rollout.
- Personnel: on-going Connect Boise meetings; prepared paperwork for deployment to Middle East for Alan Butcher (and work with HR to determine if we can do an emergency temp hire for three months); hired new program assistant at James Castle House (19/hour temp).



# MEMO

**TO:** Mayor McLean, Jade Riley, City Council Member Lisa Sanchez and Arts & History Commissioners

**FROM:** Rachel Reichert, Cultural Sites Manager

**CC:** Terri Schorzman

**DATE:** 1/28/2020

**RE:** Cultural Sites Program

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## SUMMARY

This quarter's work has been concentrated on the James Castle House, and Erma Hayman House. The Cultural Sites division is drafting a Master Plan capturing the overall work and direction of the division.

### *JAMES CASTLE HOUSE (JCH)*

#### **Artist-in-Residence Program:**

- Planning for 2020 upcoming residencies
- Concluded 10-Week Residency (January 17-27) with Kelly Packer
- Call release March 18, closes May 13
- All 2020 residency events and programs dates scheduled

#### **Education Programs:**

- Private school tours (ongoing – offered Monday-Wednesday)
- Private adult tours are ongoing (ongoing – offered Monday-Wednesday)
- ASL Saturday Events begin in February (offered once a month on Saturdays)
- Summer Lawn Series (free activities/workshops on the JCH lawn)
- History Walking Tours (walking tours exploring the historic Castle property)
- JCH VR project with BSU GIMM lab capturing the historic shed (set to release Feb. 1, 2020)

#### **Exhibits:**

- Flip | Side exhibition opened September 12, 2019
- Planning for late 2021 exhibition

#### **Communications:**

- Collaborating with A&H communications staff on all communication and outreach for the JCH
- Collaborating with A&H staff on the CMD:Live events hosted at the JCH
- JCH Fall program flyer completed
- JCH General Store Holiday Gift Guide design project completed
- JCH Youth Activity Guide started, completed
- JCH Public Art (Kith & Kin) signage design pending







# MEMO

**TO:** Mayor McLean, Jade Riley and Arts & History Commissioners  
**FROM:** Josh Olson, Cultural Asset Program Manager  
**DATE:** 1/29/2020  
**RE:** Public Art Maintenance and Conservation

## Current Projects

### **Fine Art Collections:**

The new fiscal year started off with extensive assessment of the entire Boise Visual Chronicle, Portable Works and James Castle Collections. Care and Conservation staff member Annie Thiffault has worked continuously in her assessments of the nearly 500 art pieces. This includes a myriad of meticulous repairs, inspection reports and new frames. HVAC systems (hot to cold extremes), dust and fingerprints can take their toll, but the collection is also vulnerable to vandalism, accidents and sometimes employees simply remove them. Tracking, inventory, frame and signage repair take time and skill to reconcile. A new exhibit will be installed in 2020 and it is our goal to make sure they look their best. This year the city has numerous new works being added to the collection and these require cataloguing, inspection and framing as well. Annie is particularly adept at picking out just the right frame for each piece. Thank you Annie.

### **Wind Dance by Mark Baltes**

Wind Dance is the sculptural kite components at the Cancer survivor park in Julia Davis Park. Due to heavy wind and snow, we had to remove them due to safety concerns. We are working with the artist to find the best path forward. The kites are being strengthened and will be reinstalled sometime this spring/ summer.

### **Flying into the Seasons by Louis Kodis**

Flying into the Seasons is a fabric mural in the ticket lobby at Boise Airport. The mural is in serious need of cleaning and assessment. Special thanks to project manager Jill Singer and the maintenance staff for your dedication and teamwork.

### **Projects on Deck:**

Boise Chinatown Viewers, Big Fun at Lowder Park, Historic Streetcar at Ivy Wild Park, Urban River installation, Three Deer in Anne Morrison Park and more. It's going to be a busy spring!

It is always a busy season for public art maintenance and conservation staff. Special thanks to all City Departments for their valued teamwork and cooperative spirit.





**TO:** Mayor McLean, Jade Riley and Arts & History Commissioners  
**FROM:** Amy Fackler  
**CC:** Terri Schorzman  
**DATE:** February 5, 2020  
**RE:** Grants Update

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## **SUMMARY**

Administrative processing and details for FY2020 Grants are in progress; annual report in progress; began training for grant resources; workshop planning; research; outreach

## **FY2020 GRANTS**

- Add grant recipient event details on website
- Work with Communications & Outreach staff to promote grant recipient events on social media
- Track queries, Agreement, W9s, Invoices
- Respond to grant recipient questions
- Attend grant recipient events
- Planning for FY2021 grant cycle

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

- Completed FY2019 Annual Report
- Received printed copies early January 2020

## **WORKSHOPS / TRAINING**

- Internal training on grant funding software (online tutorials, plus training with consultant)
- Meeting individually at the Main Library with those interested in the cultural sector who want to learn about using Foundation Center platform (free access at the library)
- Planning public workshop for learning about finding funding resources for cultural projects (date set for April 11, 2020)

## **OTHER PROJECTS & MISCELLANEOUS**

- Presented at BSU class related to seeking cultural funding on Saturday, January 25
- Editing – Neighborhood histories, exhibit labels, promotional materials, etc.
- Research on regional municipal cultural grant programs
- Meeting with cultural organization leaders with Dept. of A&H Director, Terri Schorzman



February 5, 2020

**TO:** Mayor McLean, Jade Riley and Arts & History Commissioners  
**FROM:** Brandi Burns  
**RE:** A&H History Report

## **SUMMARY**

The year-long commemoration of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment has begun; programming from the History Division is well-underway. Join us for the first Fettuccine Forum of the year on February 6, 2020.

This fiscal year we will rehouse the remaining artifacts from the Burns Studio collection and complete the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor timeline wall. Our oral history work continues. We are collecting oral histories with people that have been involved with the Greenbelt. One of our primary narrators is Gay Hammer Davis, a greenbelt pioneer who was not interviewed during the 1998 interviews. To date, we have completed three interviews with Davis, and will be wrapping up our time with her shortly. We are also conducting interviews for the Erma Hayman house project.

## **CURRENT & PAST PROJECTS**

- Burns Studio artifacts: continue to rehouse artifacts
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Timeline Wall
  - Final design stages for boards 1-3;
  - 75% complete on design for boards 4-6
  - Brackets that hold the boards are installed
- NIP projects and histories for current Neighborhood plans that PDS is working on
- 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Commemoration
  - Research continues, focusing on individual Boise women and their contributions to the suffrage movement
  - Please see A&H's website for event calendar

## **ONGOING AND FUTURE PROJECTS**

- "Standing Together: Women's Ongoing Fight for Equality" exhibit in City Hall lobby
- Research for the Erma Hayman House
- Collister neighborhood research, NIP project
- Fettuccine Forum season, 2021