



## DEPARTMENT OF ARTS & HISTORY

MAYOR: Lauren McLean | DIRECTOR: Terri Schorzman

### AGENDA Arts & History Commission

Wednesday, June 2, 2021  
3:30 – 5:00 pm

Greenbelt Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall

<https://cityofboise.zoom.us/j/98038471846>

#### *Tour History Timeline*

- I. Call to Order – John Hand, Chair
  - a. Review and Approve Minutes April 7, 2020 (Hand)
  
- II. Presentations/Updates/Approvals -- *\*Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-204(4), all agenda items are action items, and a vote may be taken on these items.*
  - a. Hayman House construction update (Reichert)
  - b. Public Art -- Approval Requested (LeClair)
    - i. Traffic Boxes,
    - ii. Linen District Fence design,
    - iii. Depot Bench updated design (tentative)
  - c. Public Art -- Updates (LeClair)
    - i. Vista Median
    - ii. Westside Park
    - iii. Kiosko
    - iv. Erma Hayman House
    - v. Potential events
  
- III. Adjourn meeting



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### Minutes Arts & History Commission

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

3.00 – 5.00 pm

*Hybrid meeting: part ZOOM/part in-person, in the time of COVID-19*

<https://cityofboise.zoom.us/j/97509851250>

- Commission Present: Alan Heathcock, John Hand, Dede Ryan, Jessica Flynn, Dr. Amanda Ashley, Melissa Thom
- Council Liaison: Holli Woodings
- Staff Present: Terri Schorzman, Jenessa Hansen-Evans, Jennifer Yribar, Karl LeClair, Karen Bubb, Tyler Powers (Legal)
- Public: Susan Madasci, Russell Rock, Ivory Carr

#### I. Call to Order – John Hand, Chair 3:07 pm

- a. Review and Approve Minutes February 3, 2020 (Hand)

Commissioner Dede Ryan motioned to approve. Commissioner Jessica Flynn seconded. Motion Unanimously carried.

#### II. Presentations/Updates/Approvals -- *\*Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-204(4), all agenda items are action items, and a vote may be taken on these items.*

- a. Cultural Planning (Bubb)

- i. Overview of new PW Arts Master Plan and implementation (30 minutes)  
Public Art Manager Karl LeClair introduced the item. Cultural Planner Karen Bubb presented the PW Art Master Plan and implantation. General discussion...  
Commissioner Amanda Ashley moved to approve the Public Works Art Master Plan. Commissioner Flynn seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

- b. Public Art (LeClair)

- i. Downtown Projector – Approval (5-10 minutes)

LeClair introduced the item. General Discussion.

Commissioner Alan Heathcock moved to approve the project as presented. Commissioner Amanda Ashley seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

ii. Depot Bench - Update (5-10 minutes)

LeClair introduced the item. The item was tabled at the last meeting and LeClair shared updates on the project. The project does not need an official motion but is looking for a blessing from A&H Commission. LeClair has worked with the selected artist and redevelop some of the designs. LeClair has been working with the neighborhood association and has been working with the neighborhood's art committee. The A&H Commission has given their blessing. General discussion...

iii. Kiosko - Update (5-10 minutes)

LeClair introduced the item. This item is an information update no approval is needed. LeClair provided background on the project and shared updates on the project. He will present more information, if available, at the June meeting to give a General discussion.

iv. Erma's Wall Design Concept – Approval (10-15 minutes)

LeClair introduced the item. Vinney Bagwell, an internationally renowned sculptor, is the selected artist for this project. LeClair offered background on this project. Commissioner Ashley appreciated the marriage of arts and history in this project. General discussion...

Commissioner Flynn made a motion to approve the process and findings as presented. Commissioner Alan Heathcock seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

c. Communications Plan 2021 (Yribar) (15 minutes)

Outreach and Education Coordinator Jennifer Yribar introduced the item. Yribar manages communications for the department and is in the liaison to the Department of Community Engagement. Yribar requests feedback from A&H Commissioners. Yribar presented an overview of the year's communication plan. General discussion...

III. Adjourn meeting

Commissioner Ashley makes a motion adjourn. Commissioner Ryan seconds. Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourn 4:45 pm.





June 2, 2021

**To:** Mayor McLean, Courtney Washburn, Councilmember Holli Woodings,  
Arts & History Commissioners

**From:** Terri Schorzman

**RE:** Activities: April – May 2021

*General highlights*

- City/internal: Attended public art panels; continued work on short- and long-term facility assessment as well as facility options for Archives; submitted commission roles and responsibilities to Council for first reading to update the ordinance; procedures for Master Operations Manual approved and loaded into system; met with EMT sub-committee and completed StrengthFinders for session 2; on-going discussions for FY22 budget build and Questica load-in; prepared outline of suggestions of use for future federal ARP funding; early conversations with D Randle about “competencies” review for departments – will start A&H in late May..
- - Personnel: lots of “connect boise” conversations; began search for new archivist (101 applications!) and joined in phase 1 and phase 2 interviews; worked toward internal transfer for administrative support position; recruitment of temp p/t conservation support for summer.
- External: began re-engaging with cultural non-profit EDs; joined conversation on economic strategies with City’s economic development team, organizations, and consultants



# MEMO

**TO:** Mayor McLean, Courtney Washburn, City Council Member Holli Woodings and Arts & History Commissioners

**FROM:** Karl LeClair, Public Art Program Manager

**DATE:** June 2, 2021

**RE:** Public Art Program

## APPROVALS

- **2021 Traffic Box Program:** 2 Boxes Percent-for-Art funding, 1 Box Private funding, Proposals by Ben Konkol, Erin Cunningham, and Jessica Shuey
- **2021 Linen District Fence:** \$4,000, Percent-for-Art Funding, Proposal by Miguel Almeida
- **Depot Bench Public Art:** \$70,000, NIP Funding, UrbanRock Design, Updated Design Proposal

## PROJECT UPDATES

- **Vista Median Public Art:** \$150,000, Partnership with Energize the Vista Neighborhood & Together Treasure Valley, Saori Ide & Jonathan Russell, Installation scheduled for week of June 21, 2021
- **Westside Park:** \$350,000, CCDC/Parks & Rec, Matthew Mazzotta, Construction Coordination, Fabrication, Installation planned for June 26 – July 2, 2021
- **Pioneer Cemetery Kiosk:** \$20,000, Friends of Jesus Urquides, Re-bid as Formal RFP for Architectural Services
- **Hayman House:** \$100,000, Erma's Wall, Vinnie Bagwell, Fabrication
- **Hayman House:** River Street Neighborhood, \$50,000 Percent-for-Art, Crystal Campbell, contracting
- **Public Art Division Overview Document & Percent-for-Art Ordinance 20 Year Anniversary:** Drafts in progress, planned release 2021, 20 year anniversary event planning
- **Valley Regional Transit – Public Art Sponsorship:** RFQ open for applications
- **Central Addition Public Art:** \$75,000 CCDC Funding, Krivanek + Breaux, Install vendor on contract
- **Airport Public Art Plan:** Airport Percent-for-Art, Amy Westover, Artist on Contract, Final edits and review
- **Public Works Plan:** \$20,000, Partnership with Public Works, Cultural Planning, approved through Boise City Council, planning for roll-out to City and community
- **Boise City Council Chambers Dais Artwork:** \$15,000, Mayor & Council Funding, Design Phase
- **Covid Cultural Commissioning Fund:** Complete!
- **Treefort Music Fest Projects:** \$15,000, four artist teams, Postponed, Re-Scheduling for 2021
- **Downtown Neighborhood Association Projection:** \$2,000, NIP, Projections are live Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights
- **Central Bench Transit Shelters:** \$5,246, NIP, Installation On-Hold until Fall 2021



# MEMO

**TO:** Mayor McLean and Arts & History Commissioners

**FROM:** Josh Olson, Cultural Asset Program Manager

**DATE:** 05/024/2021

**RE:** Public Art Maintenance and Conservation

## Current Project highlights

**Preventative and Corrective Maintenance:** Spring is our busiest time. Inspections, cleaning, graffiti removal and repairs are ongoing for the City of Boise's 900 locations of public art and cultural collections. Downtown has seen a surge of graffiti and vandalism.

**-Great Blues by Dave Berry:** The Blue Heron sculpture location on the Grove Plaza has had restoration work completed this month. The entire concrete bed and river stone surface were removed and replaced. On budget and on time for summer activities.

**-Bonze Sculptures:** Between six to ten bronze sculptures will have extensive surface cleaning and patina restoration completed this summer and fall.

**-Untitled sculpture in BODO:** McCall Studios is a local fabrication/ public art studio that has been hired to restore and reinstall the sculpture. Completion due in June. The sculpture was crushed by a moving truck and will be restored with a new base last year.

**-Three Deer sculpture in Anne Morrison Park:** The Three Deer are one of the most popular sculptures in Anne Morrison Park. The deer will be relocated during a large-scale park renovation. Once completed, new enamel will be applied by Rick Friesen will complete restoration.

**-Untitled Stained Glass:** The City of Boise received this artwork as a gift from CCDC in early 2003. It was originally installed at 225 N 9<sup>th</sup> street and remains there today. The building has new owners and they would like to have the public art/ stained glass by Michael Pilla removed permanently. The city never received an easement agreement as terms of acceptance of the gift, and the property owners fall within their rights to request it to be removed. This 20-year-old stained glass artwork will have to be removed and placed in storage until its fate is determined. The artist was notified and understands the circumstances

**-Traffic Box Contract:** Primo Cleaners, has been hired for general routine cleaning of all 250+ traffic boxes for fy21. Due to extensive graffiti and slap tags highlighting the former Presidents departure from office a change order was established for the team to clean the artworks in January.



June 2021

**TO:** Mayor McLean, Courtney Washburn, Council Member Lisa Sanchez,  
and Arts & History Commissioners

**FROM:** Karen Bubb, Cultural Planner

**RE:** Cultural Planning Activities

***General Highlights:***

**Goal 3: Maintain and Develop Cultural Assets**

- **Public Works Public Art Master Plan:** All approvals received for the final Master Plan. The plan will be printed and rolled-out in June.
- **Boise Airport Public Art Plan:** Amy Westover and I are in the final stages of a Boise Airport public art plan for the existing airport campus and new construction. June completion projected.
- **James Castle House Accreditation:** I am preparing documents to apply for museum accreditation for the James Castle House, working with the JCH staff.

**Goal 4: Partner with Organizations**

- **Cultural Research:** I am working with Dr. Amanda Ashley, Dr. Leslie Durham, and Dr. Carolyn Loh on a project examining cultural plans nationally looking for diversity, inclusiveness, and social equity language. Our first paper on the research has been published in the Journal of Urban Affairs. If you would like a copy, please ask and I will send you the digital copy.

**Other Staff Activities:**

- I am heading up the Enterprise Portfolio and Capabilities Mapping projects for our department.
- I am on a City-wide interdepartmental team receiving training from a Harvard/Bloomberg group about design thinking and innovative problem solving. We are working on the topic of affordable housing.
- I am in a PhD program focusing on public administration and policy. I'm using my papers to research cultural policy and planning issues. Areas of research include cultural equity plans, economic development using cultural resources, creative industries and economy.



# MEMO

TO: Mayor McLean, Courtney Washburn and Arts & History Commissioners  
FROM: Rachel Reichert, Cultural Sites Manager  
CC: Terri Schorzman  
DATE: 6/2/2021  
RE: Cultural Sites Program Update

## SUMMARY

This quarter's work was concentrated at the James Castle House (JCH) and Erma Hayman House (EHH). The James Castle House has reopened for scheduled in-person tours held weekly on Fridays and now offers weekly virtual tours. Staff are focusing on completing program and facility planning documents and are engaged in various research projects for both the JCH and EHH. Cultural Sites Manager will present on Artist Residencies At Historic Sites for the AASLH conference in September.

## JAMES CASTLE HOUSE

The JCH is preparing to submit museum accreditation application to the American Museum Association. Staff are planning a virtual meeting series to assist with long-term planning efforts for the historic shed and trailer on site.

### Upcoming Artist-in-Residencies:

- Artist-in-Residence (10-week: May 19-July 28, 2021): Nat Mead, Visual Artist
- Artist-in-Residence (10-week: Sept. 8 – Nov. 17, 2021): Mari Andrews, Visual Artist
- Artist-in-Residence (Short Stay: Dec. 16 - 23, 2021): Mavis Irwin, ASL Researcher / Film Maker
- Artist-in-Residence (10-week Residency: February 2 - April 13, 2022): Tania Alvarez, Visual Artist

### Upcoming Projects

- Cultural Sites will begin a Deaf Space Study with international design firm, MASS
- Cultural Sites will begin a Charette planning process with national cultural and preservation leaders to establish long-term treatment plans for Castle's Shed and Trailer.

### Upcoming JCH Events

- [HAHS Virtual Road Trip: Melrose Plantation // June 16, 2021 \(12pm PST/3pm ET\)](#)
- [HAHS Virtual Road Trip: Roger Brown Study Collection // July 21, 2021 \(2pm PST/5pm ET\)](#)
- [HAHS Virtual Road Trip: The Dorothy Riester House and Studio // August 9, 2021 \(12pm PST/3pm ET\)](#)
- [James Castle House Virtual Tours // Offered Weekly](#)

## ERMA HAYMAN HOUSE

The EHH will begin construction in June. Staff are waiting for EHH Task Force and City Leadership discussions to finalize program plans. Staff are exploring additional funding options. Please view this URL for more info and project milestones:

<https://www.boiseartsandhistory.org/programs/cultural-sites/hayman-house/project-milestones/>



# MEMO

**TO:** Mayor McLean, Courtney Washburn, Council President Pro Tem Lisa Sánchez, Arts & History Commissioners  
**FROM:** Amy Fackler, Grants Manager  
**DATE:** 5/26/2021  
**RE:** Program Update

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## SUMMARY

Tracking FY2020 FY2021-Round 1 and FY2021-R2 recipients; continue managing FY2020 modifications due to Covid-19; managing FY2022 application cycle; other projects as assigned

## **FY2022 GRANTS**

- Applications opened May 1, 2021 (close June 16, 2021) with option to extend and/or offer a second round if needed (if applicants uncertain about planning projects now due to Covid situation)
- Held virtual Application Information Workshops on May 4, 2021.
- Promotion & Outreach (opening of annual cycle) – working with department staff and city leadership to try and expand awareness and encourage new applicants
- Fielding queries for FY2022 program
- Managing other upcoming program details (review process, training materials for reviewers and recipients, notifications, etc.)

## **FY2021 GRANTS**

- Closed out Round 1 grants (all invoices finalized)
- Continue tracking and processing Round 2 invoices (for projects between April 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021)
- Tracking projects and promotions; manage modifications due to Covid-19
- Promote grant recipient events / projects (coordinating with education and outreach communications team for social media)

## **OTHER**

- Working with program team for Mayor's Appreciation Day for Arts & Culture (Sept. 9, 2021)
- Planning for FY2022 additional services (resume one-on-one training for funding research platform; potential workshops, etc.)
- Editing upon request from other staff



## DEPARTMENT OF ARTS & HISTORY

MAYOR: Lauren McLean | DIRECTOR: Terri Schorzman

May 24, 2021

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

### SUMMARY

History Division is now focusing on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Foothills Levy (May 2021) and exploring other topics related to the environment for our summer programming. Most staff efforts are directed towards website content creation and creating a space online to share the collections in the Boise City Archives. Watch for our interesting content on social media every week!

### CURRENT & PAST PROJECTS

- Archives program: The history programs manager is assisting with hiring new archivist and caring for city archives space. Maintaining communication with potential donors and wrapping up some projects from previous archivist.
- Website:
  - Test site templates moved to live website; History team working on creating new pages
  - Past update: content development and working with IT on a test site; new IT team introduced in March
- Walking tours: one scheduled on July 2 about suffrage sites in downtown Boise; another one in the exploratory phase for the fall focused on suffragists' gravesites
- Partnership with PDS to research restrictive CC&Rs in neighborhoods
- Development of online exhibits, podcast, and articles
  - These materials will be added to the "Boise history" section of the website
  - Content includes an article about Boise's city halls, the establishment of Boise as a municipality, fires in downtown Boise, and a series of biographies of Boise mayors. Fettuccine Forum videos will also be uploaded
- Foothills Levy, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - Exhibit on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of city hall is available for viewing, as is the online component: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/fe2deb40a95046c08d6d26f4ff7078e2>

### ONGOING AND FUTURE PROJECTS

- Research for the Erma Hayman House—Continues
- Oral histories with former residents of River Street—continues
- Assist P&R with online cemetery tours
- Collection of COVID-19 stories—volunteers needed; if interested in conducting virtual interviews please contact Brandi